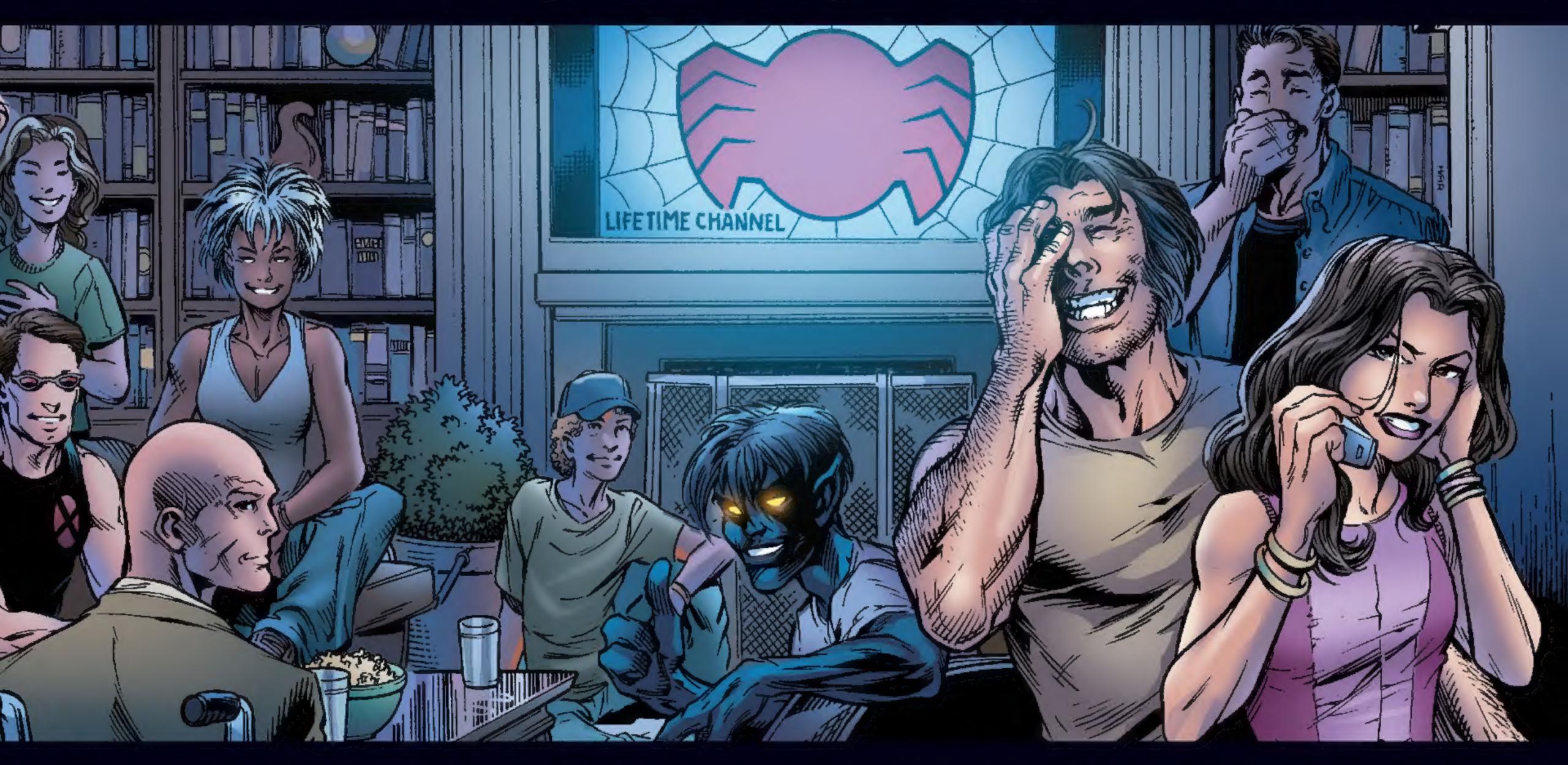


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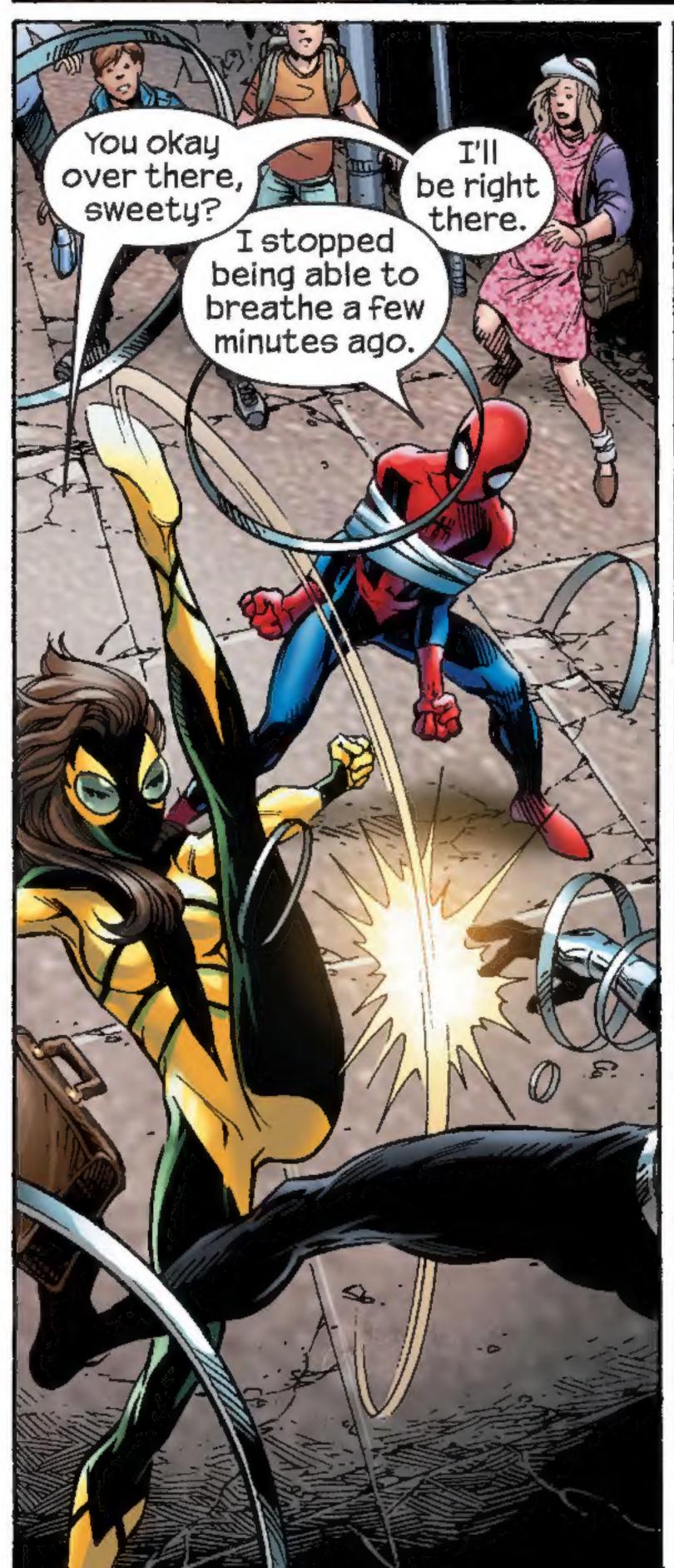
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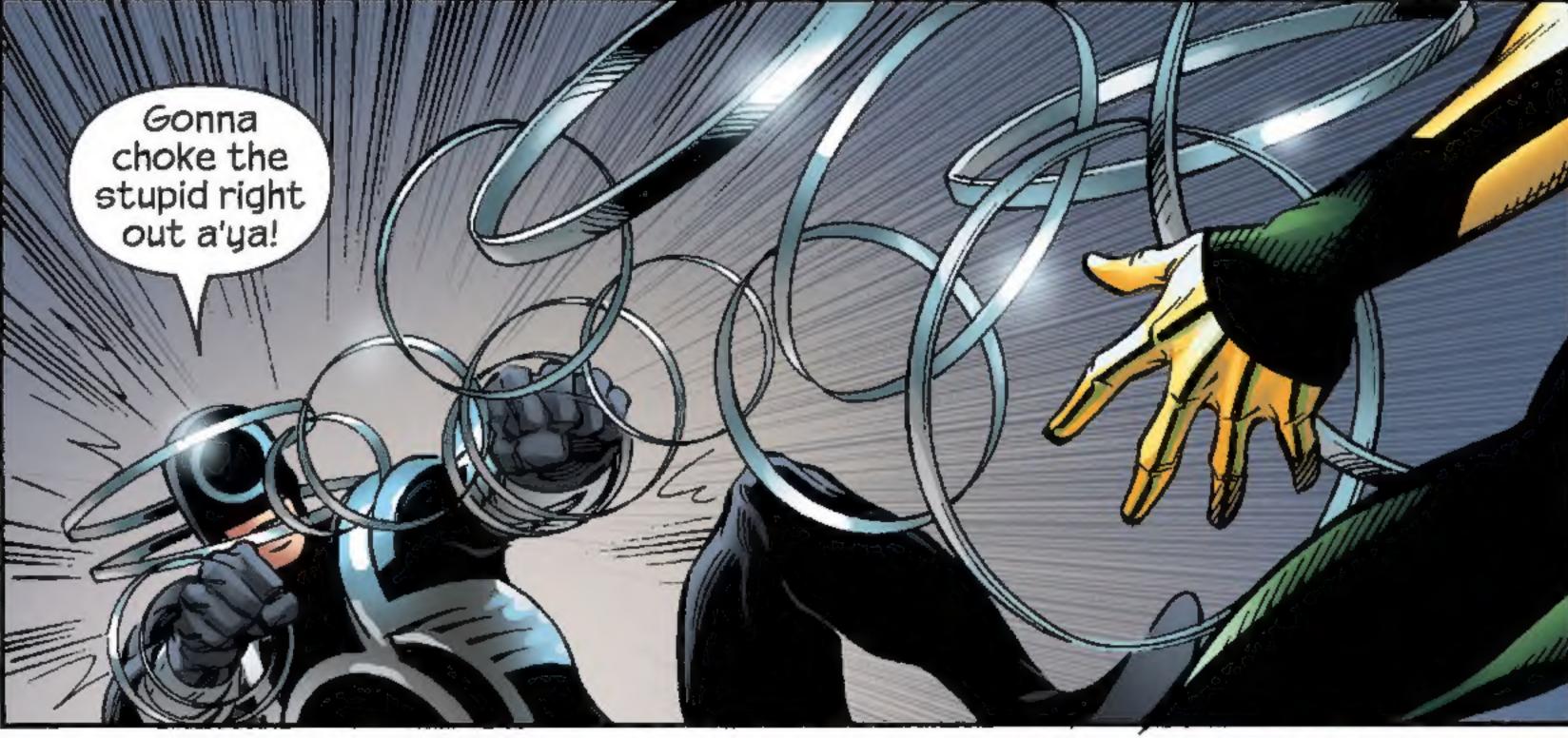
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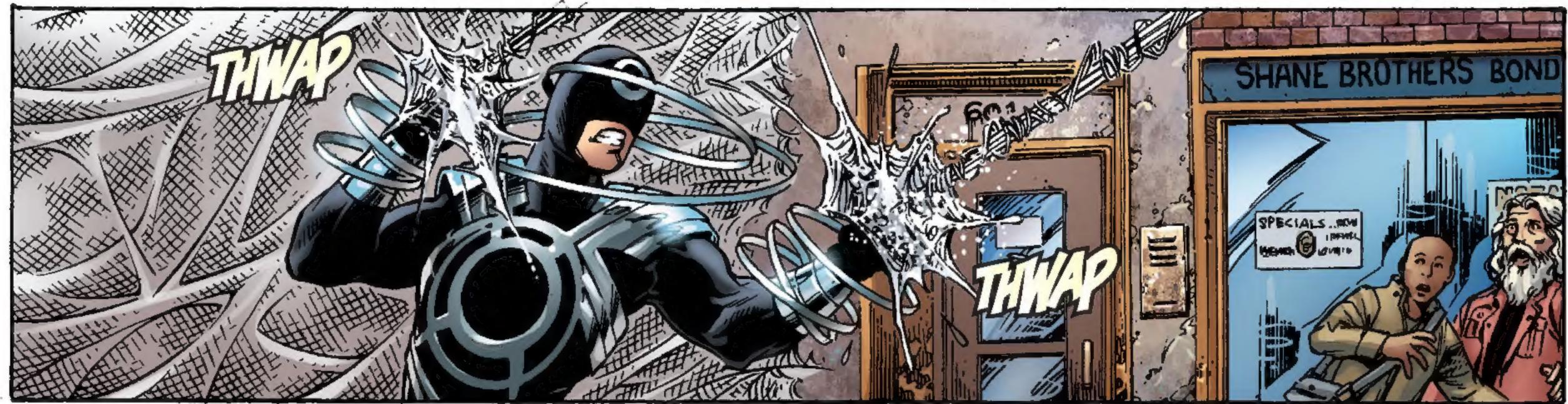








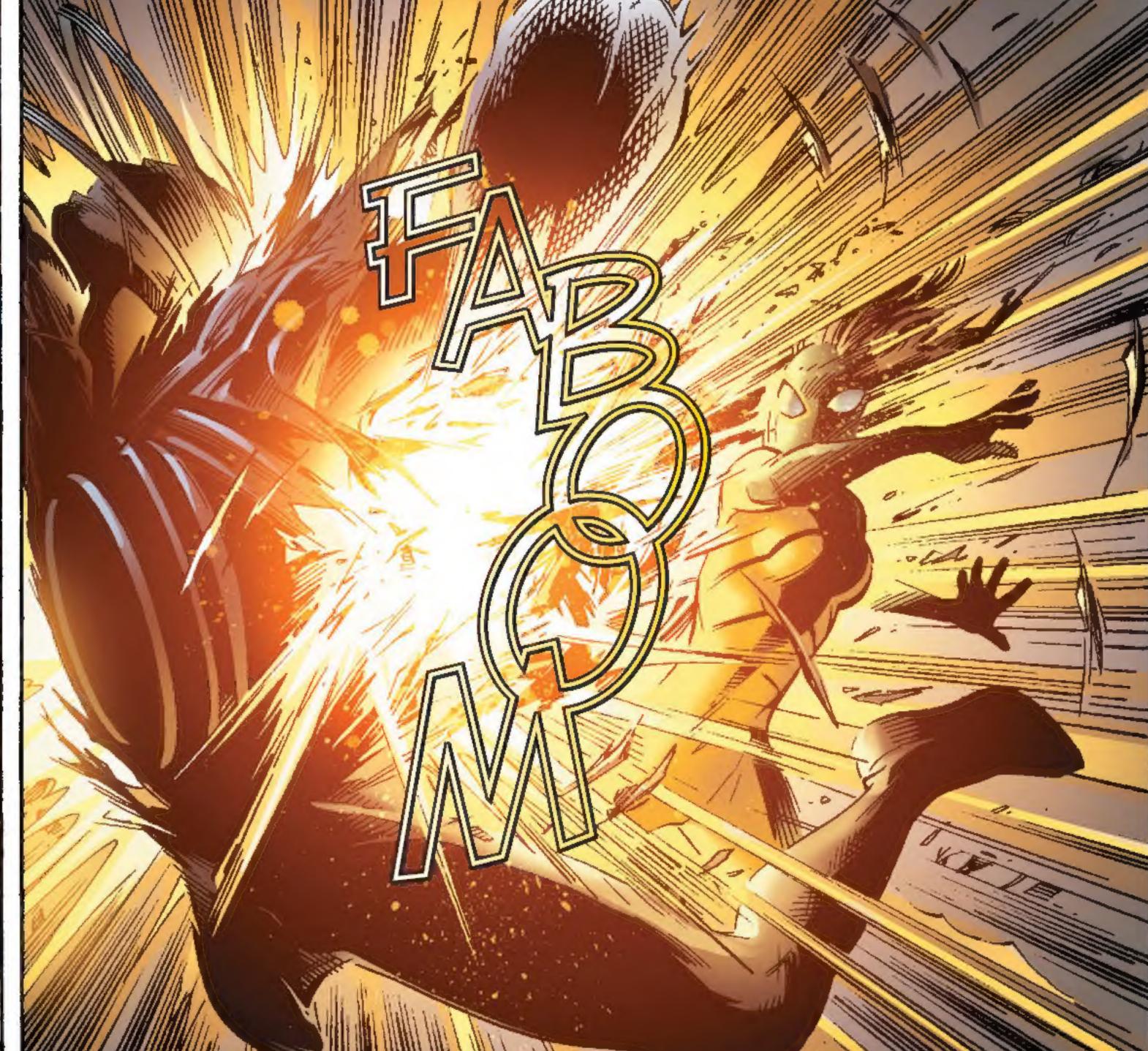


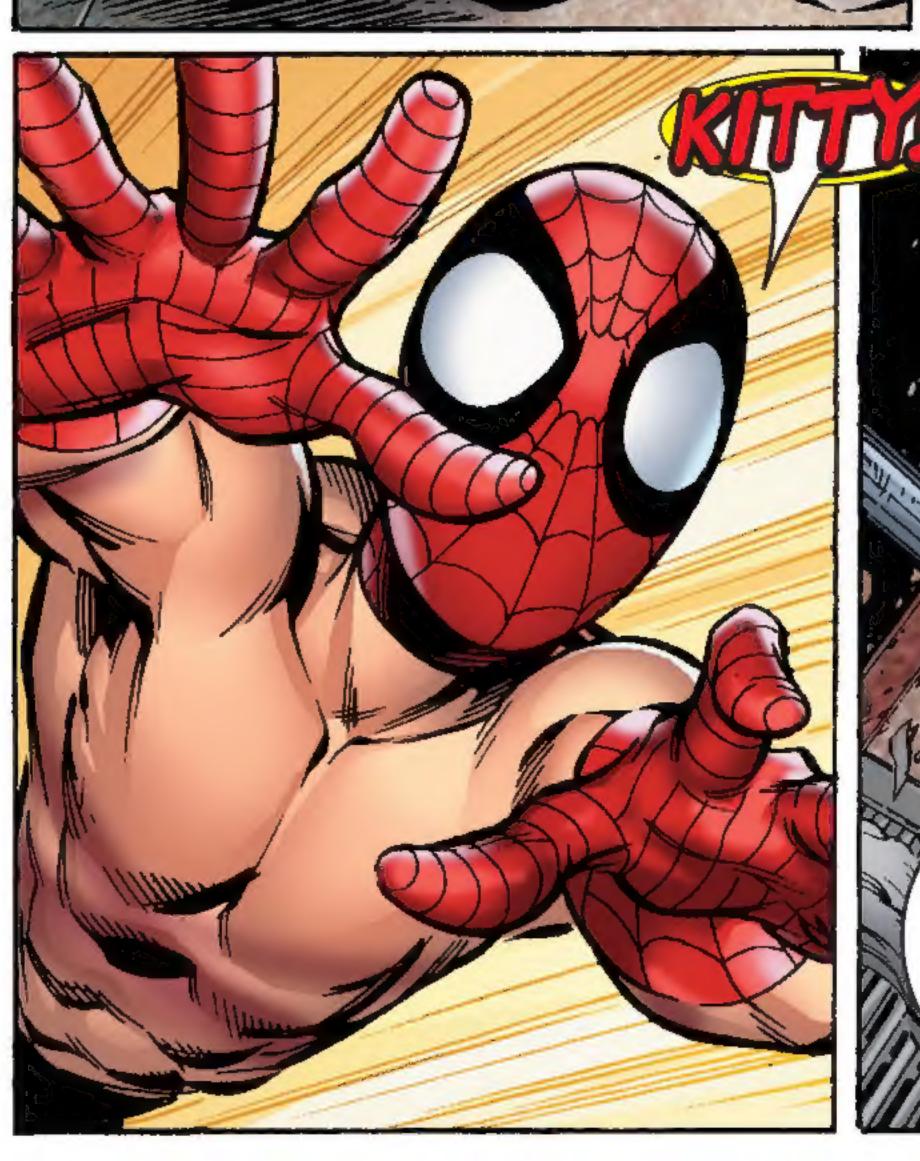


















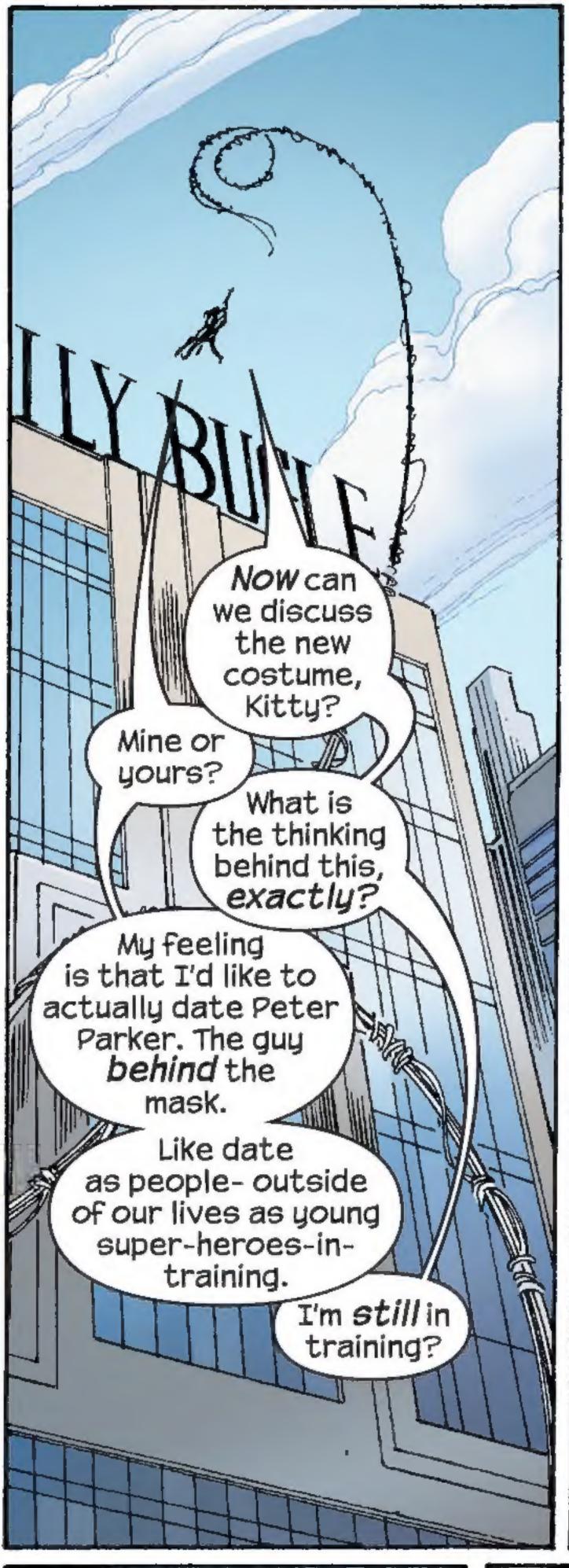












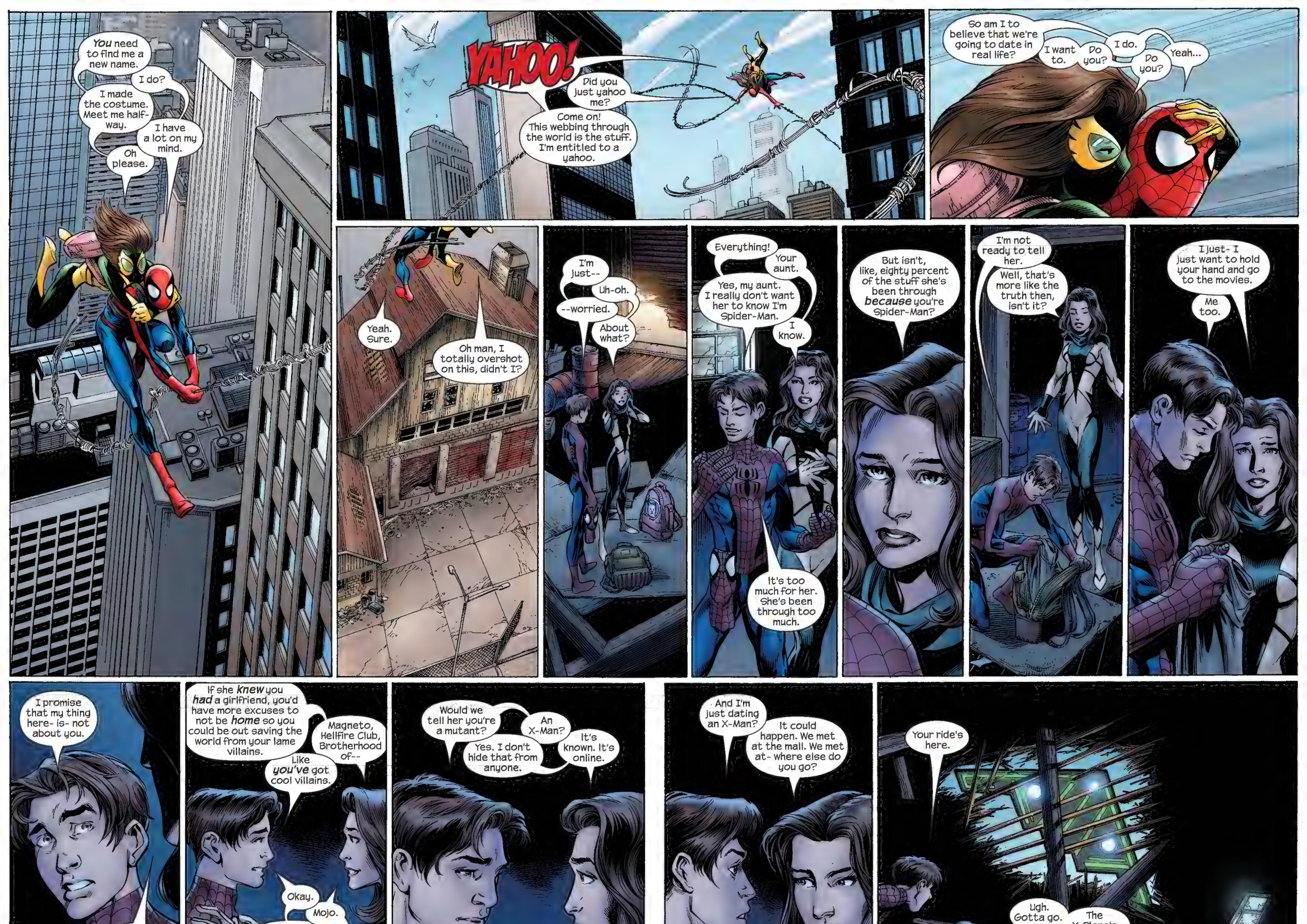












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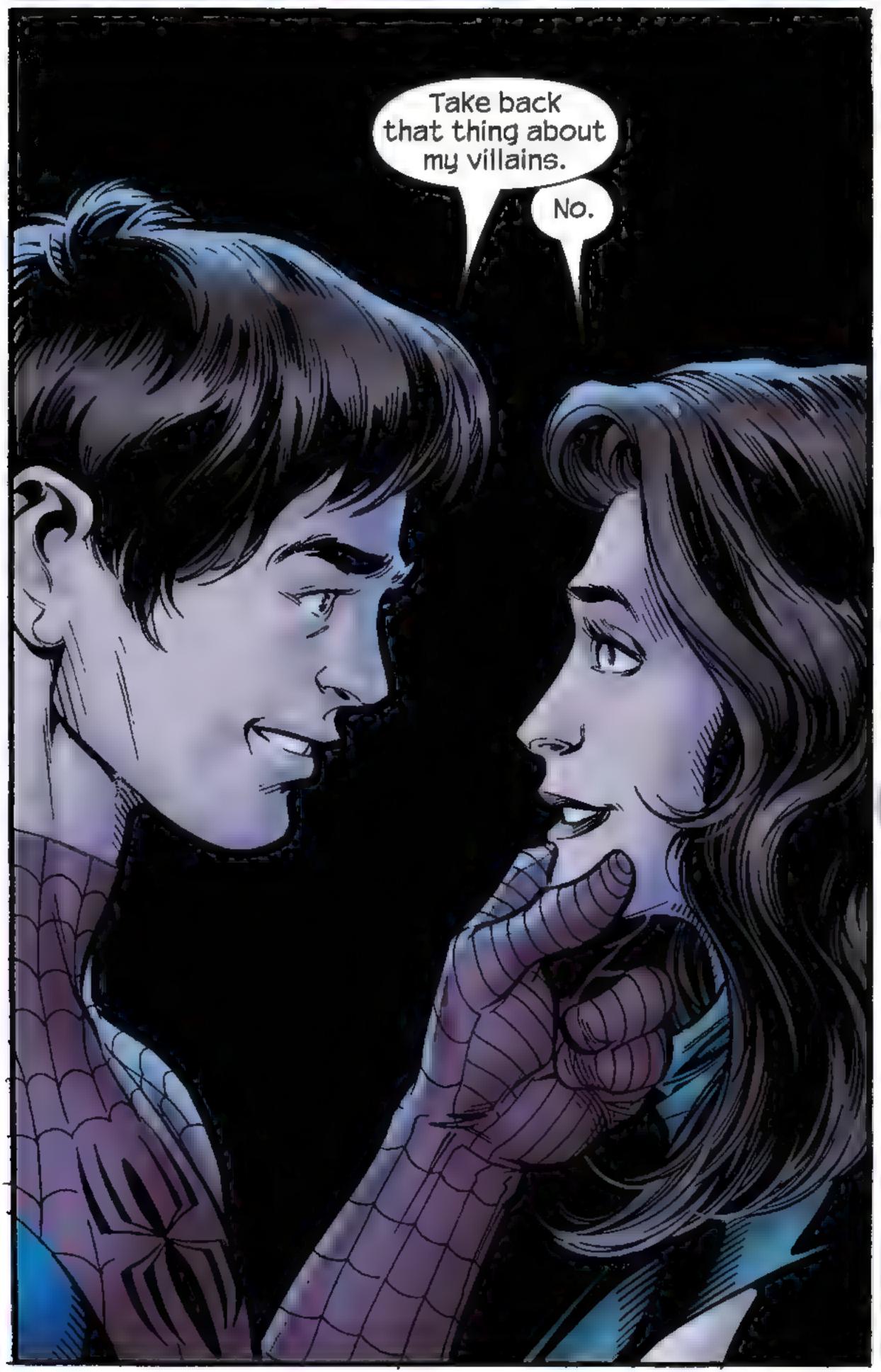
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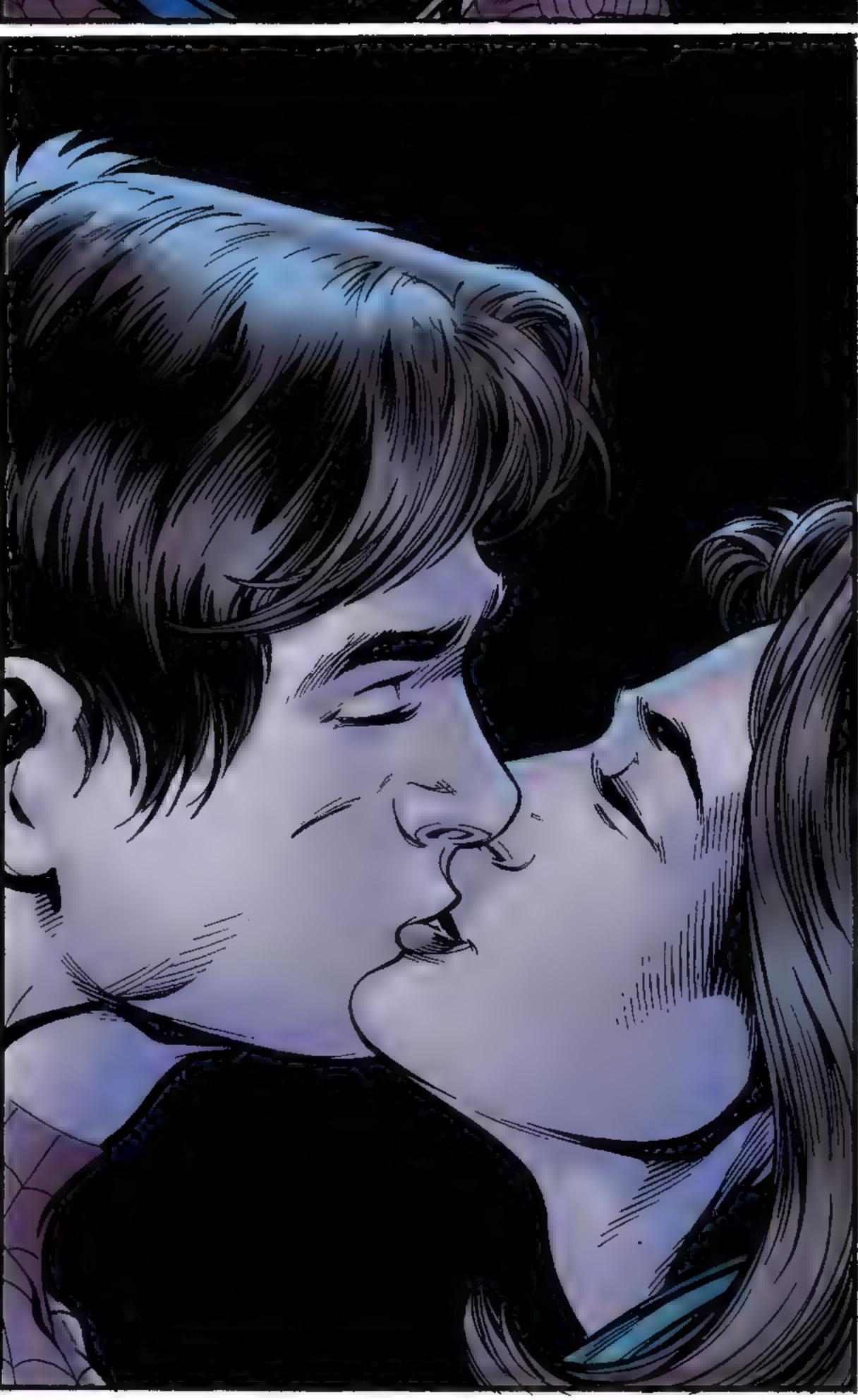
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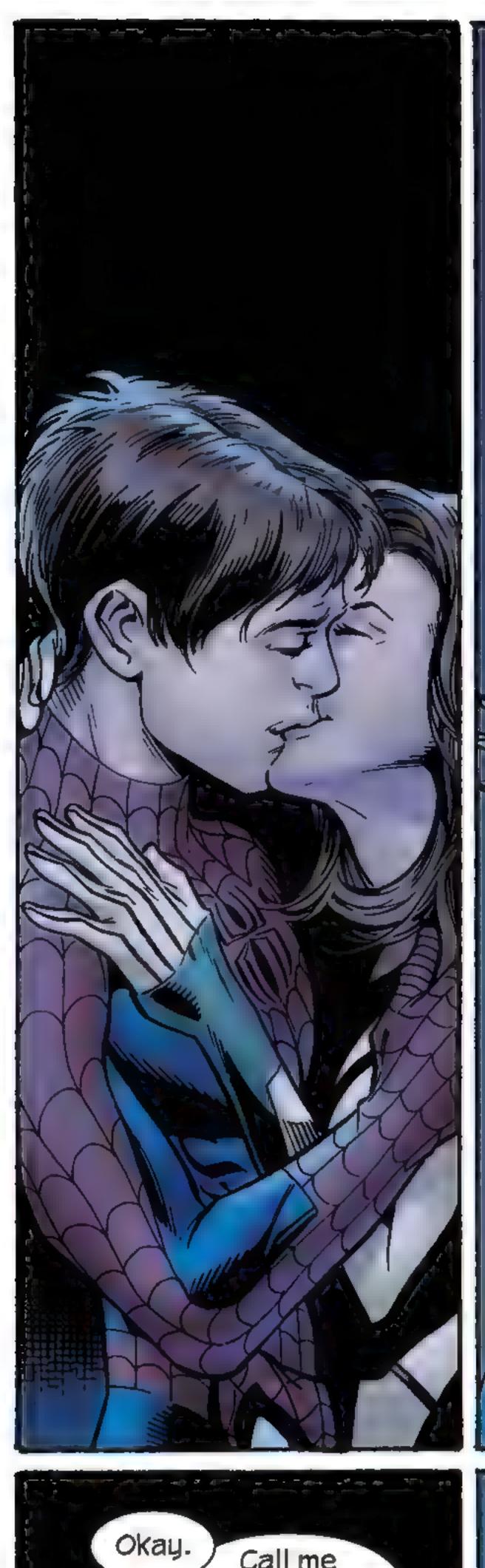
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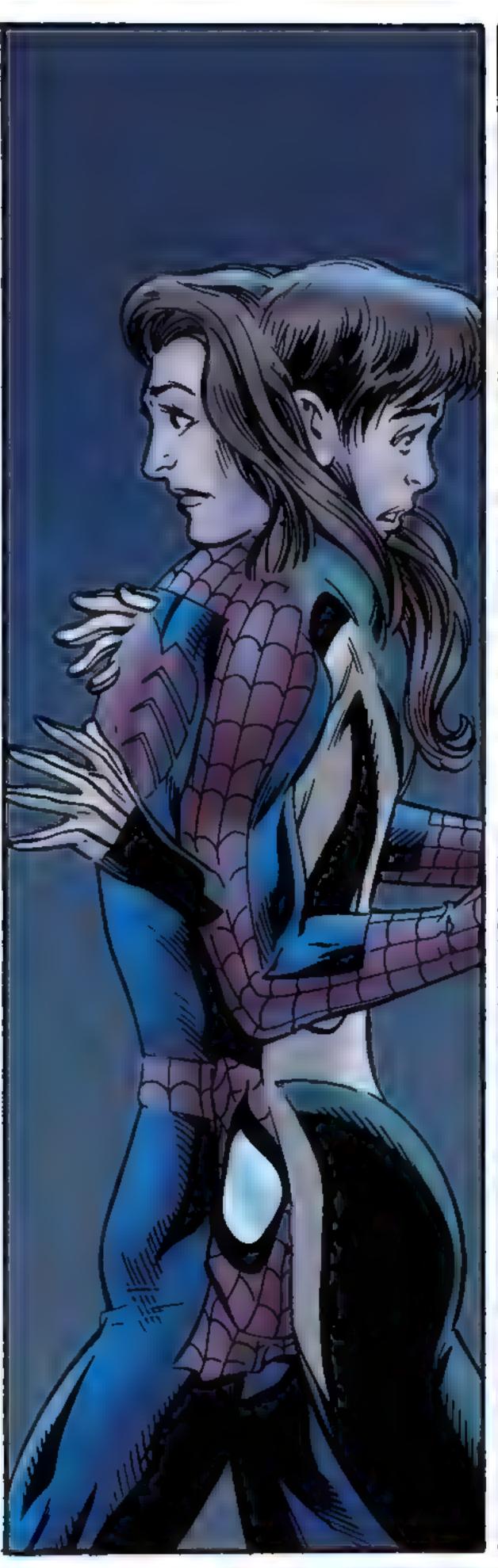










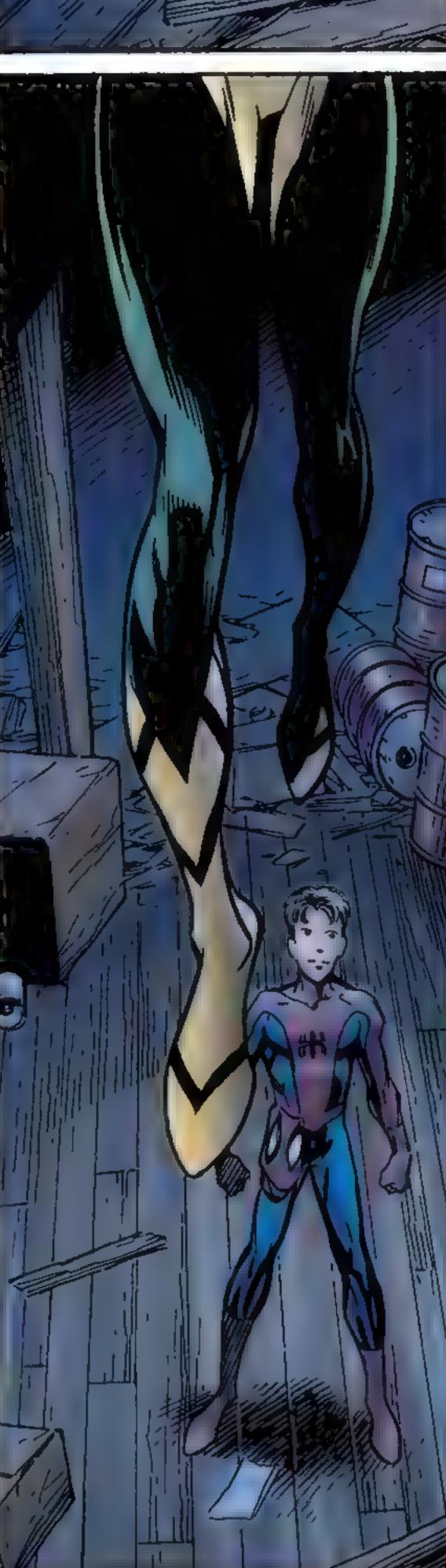


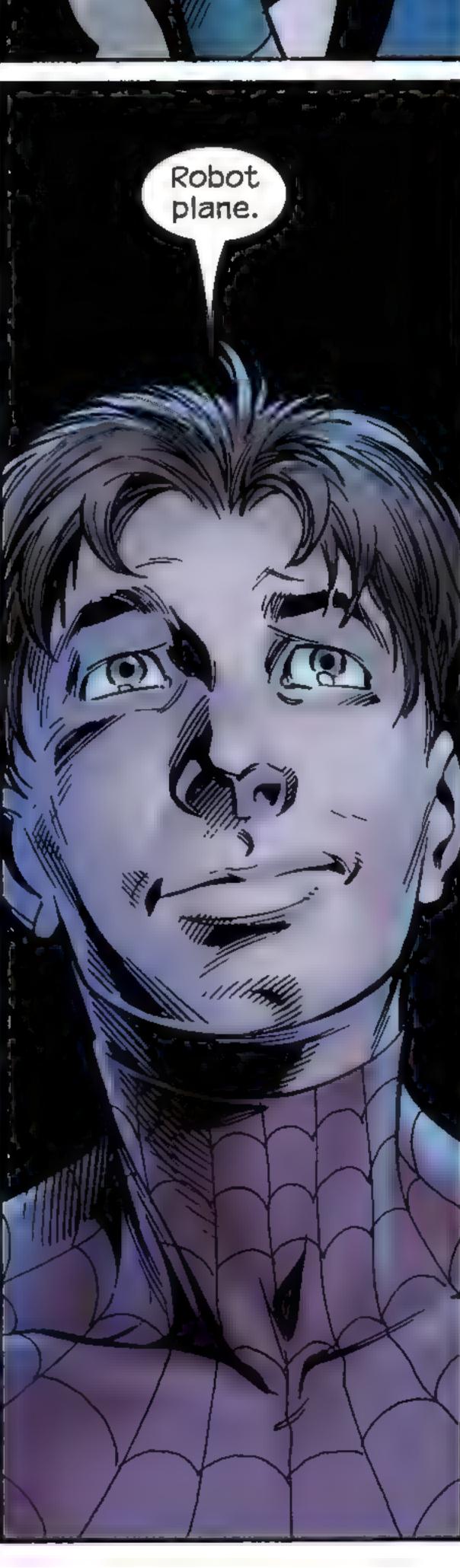


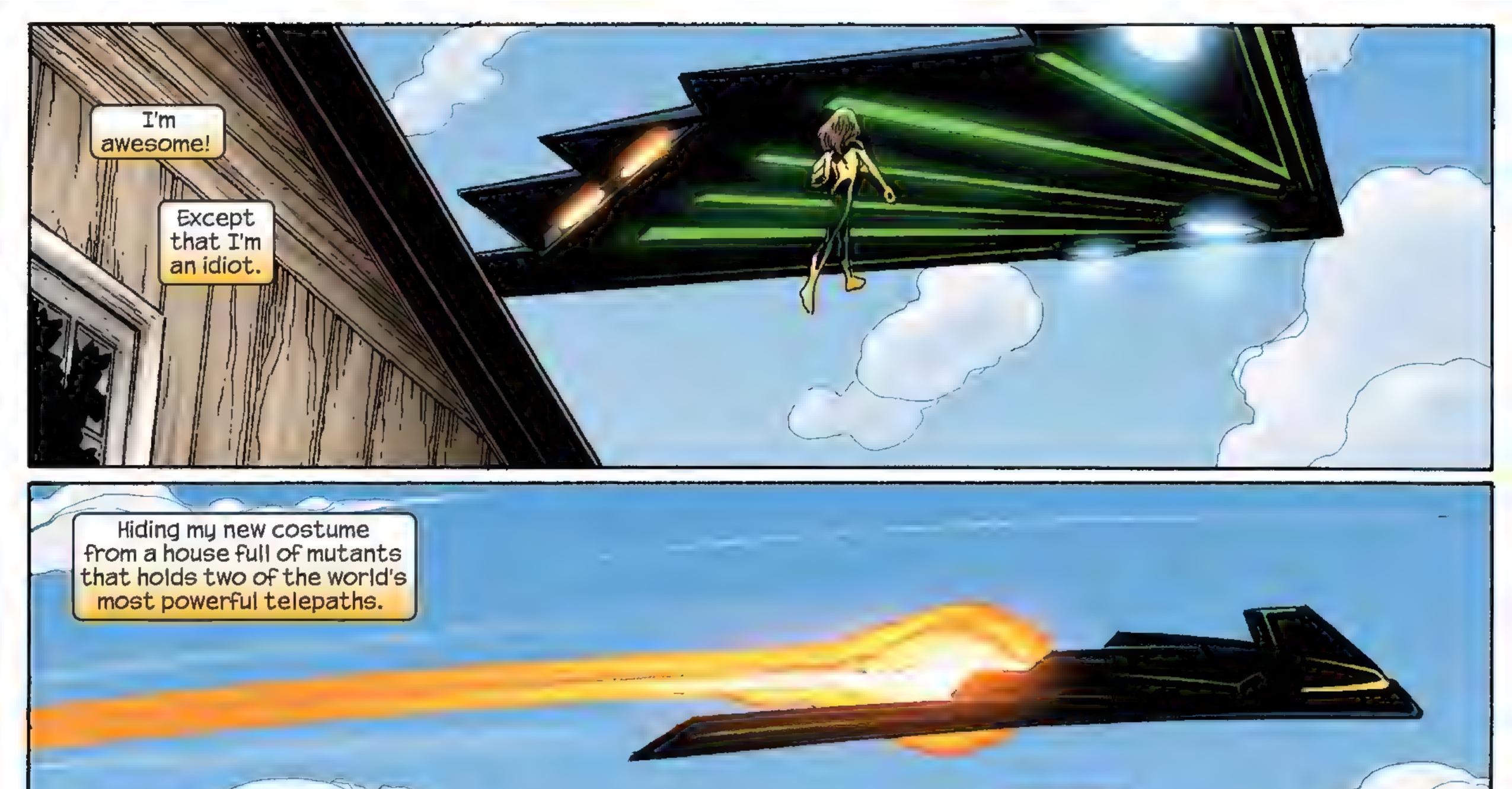




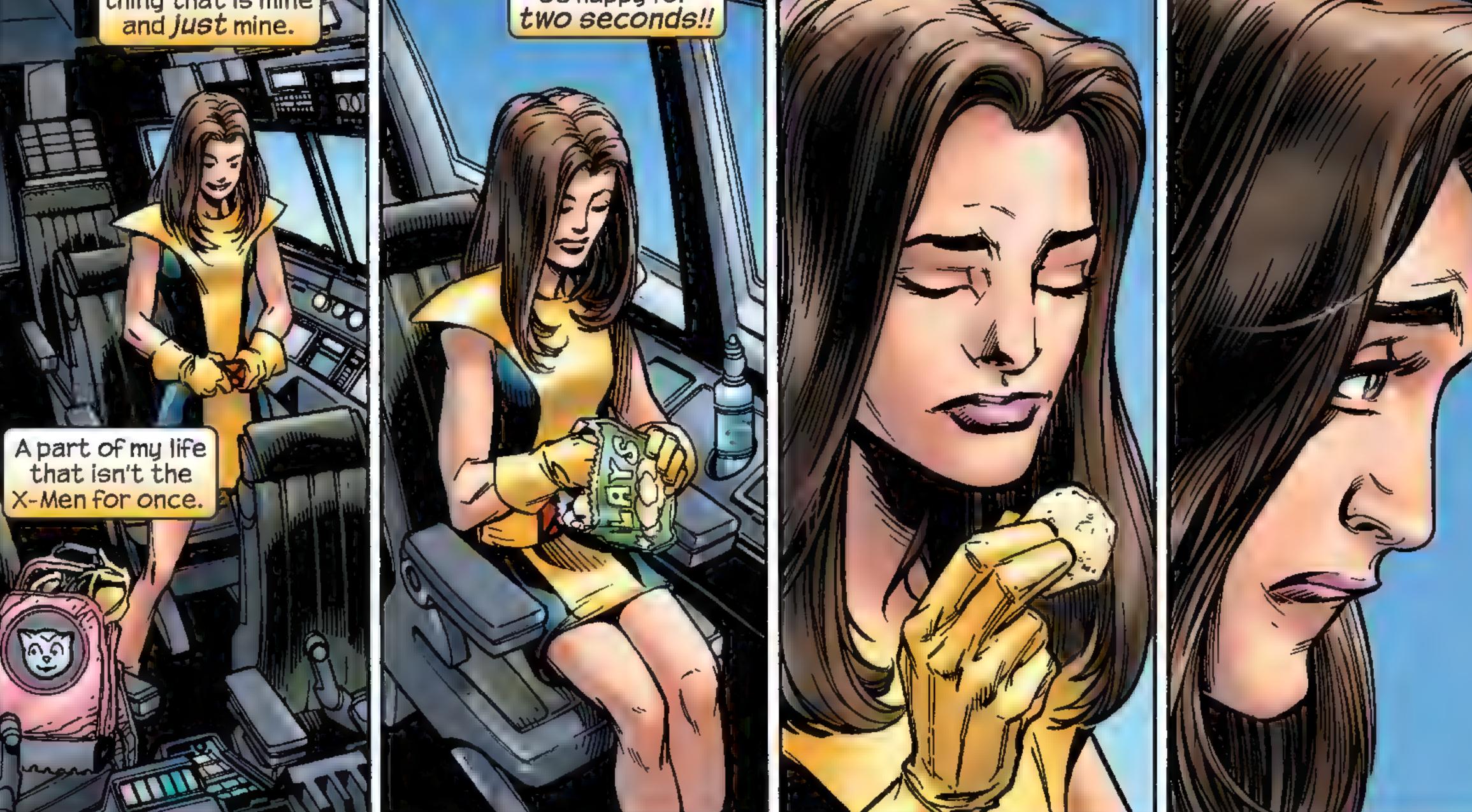


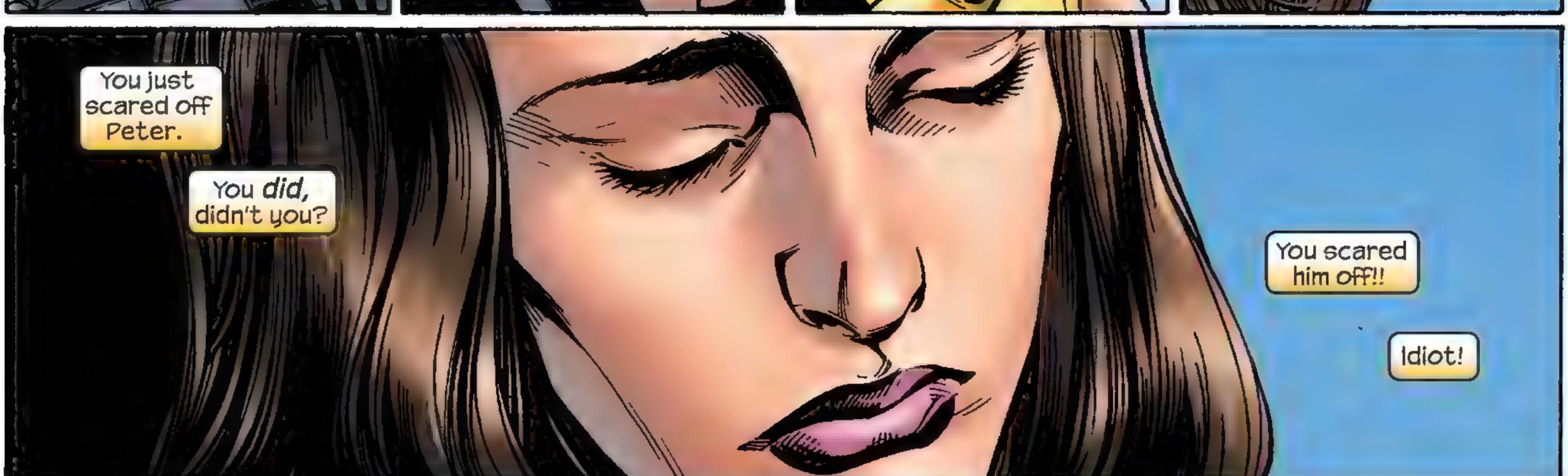








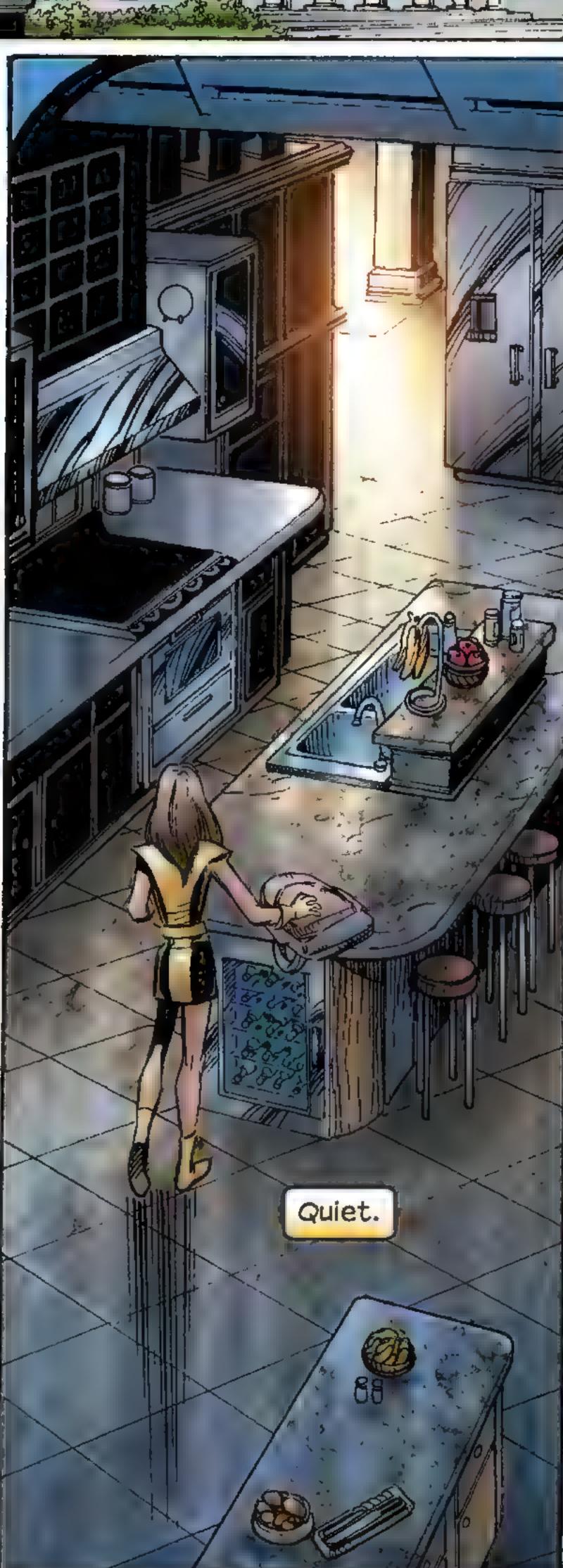




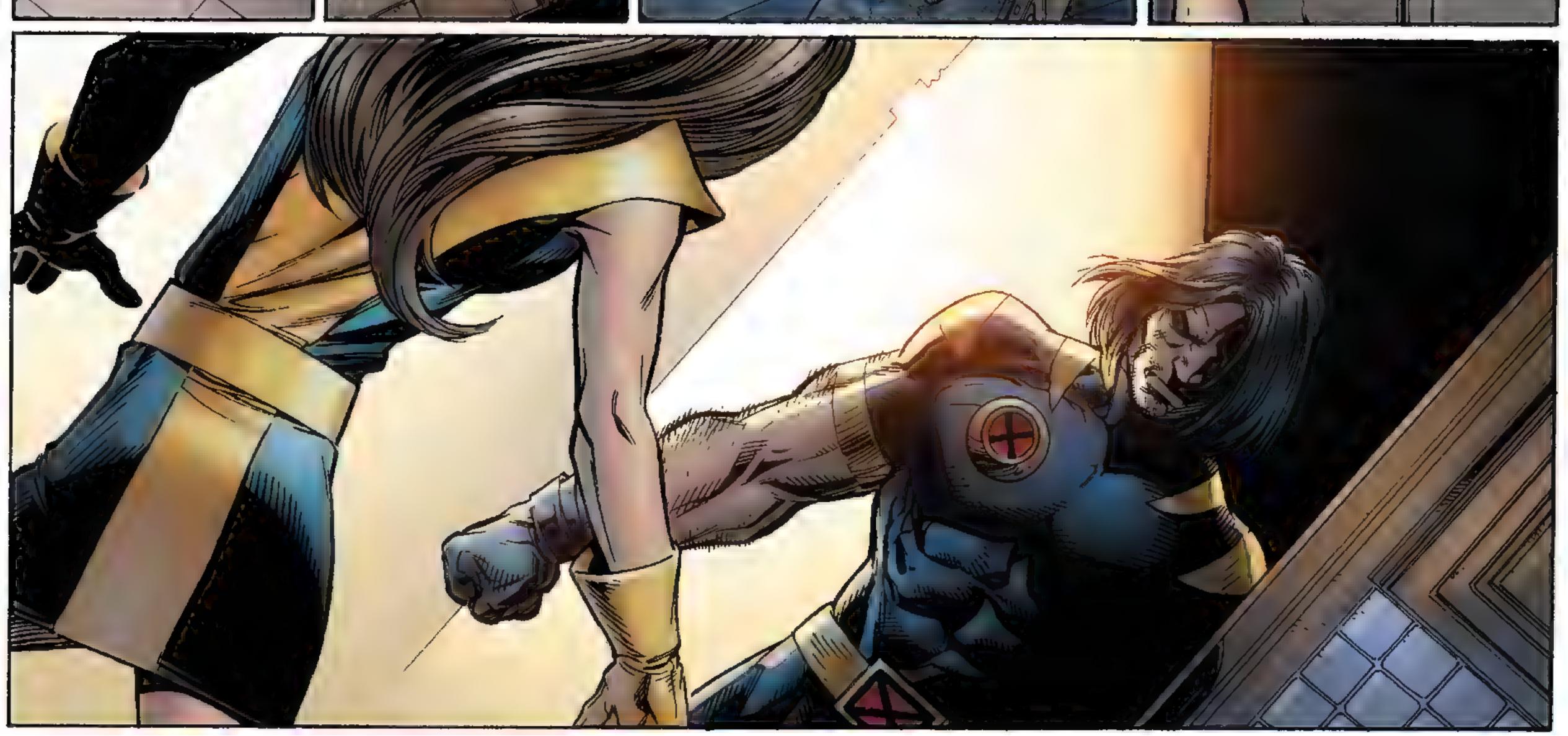




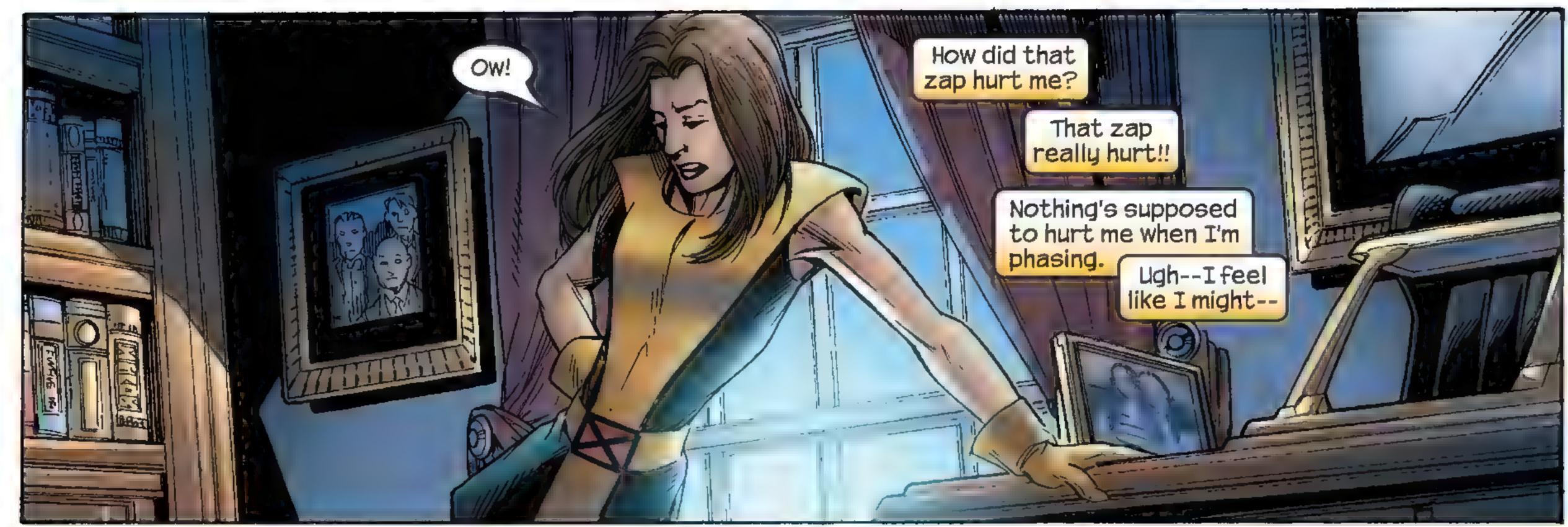




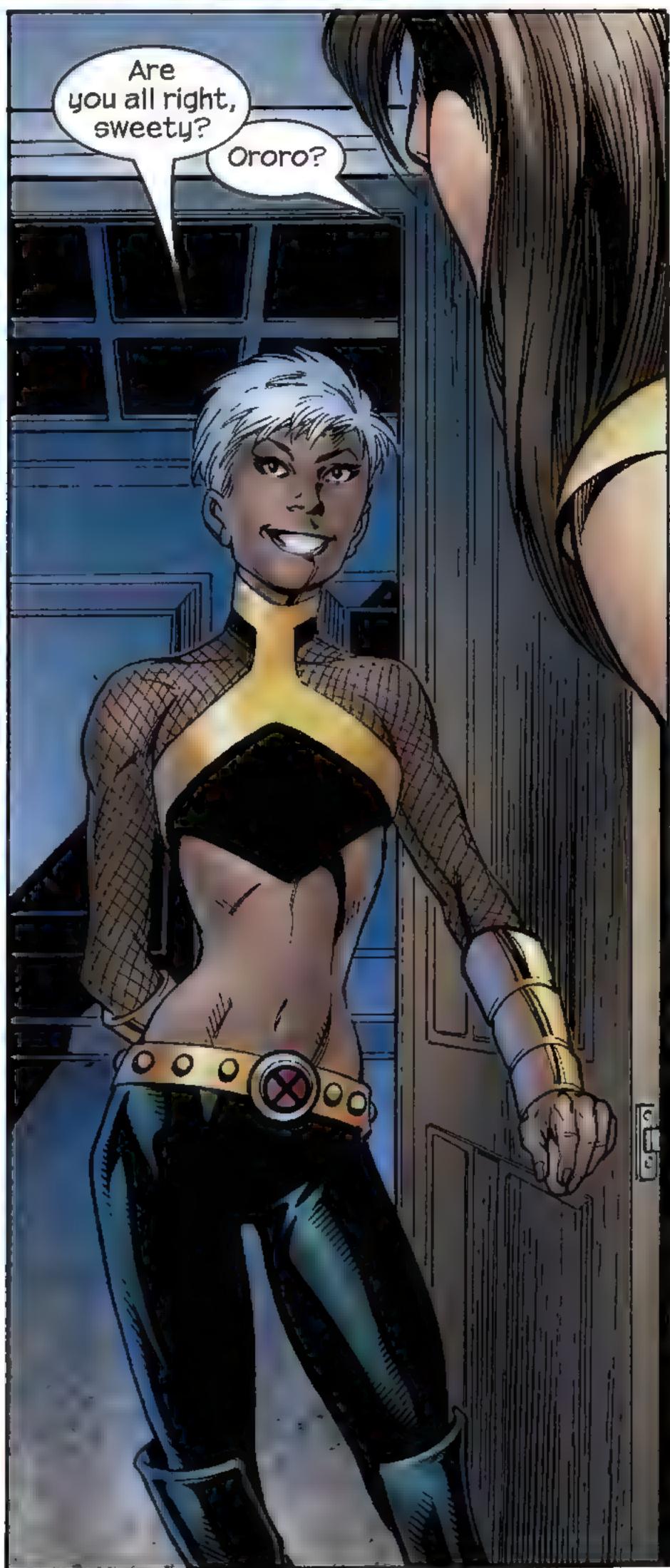








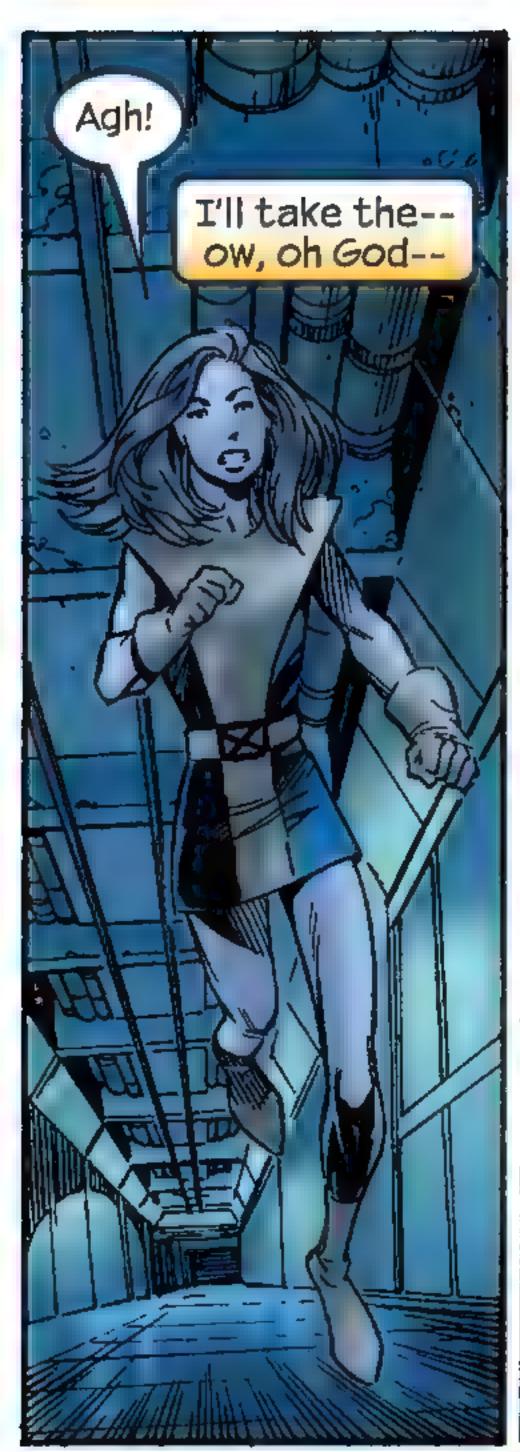








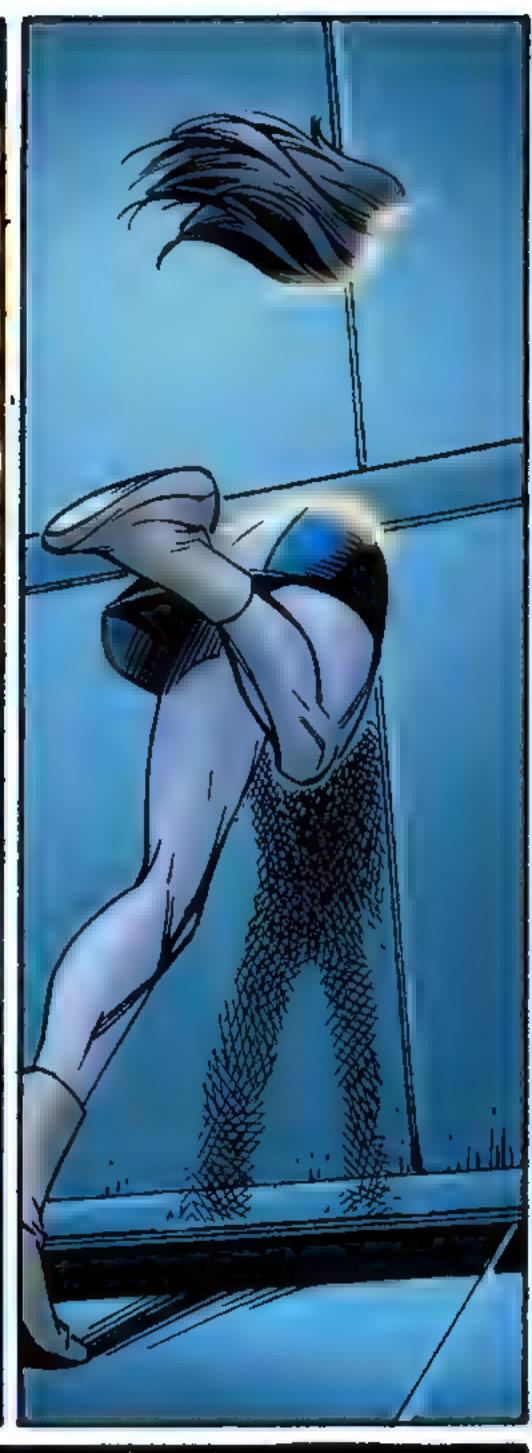


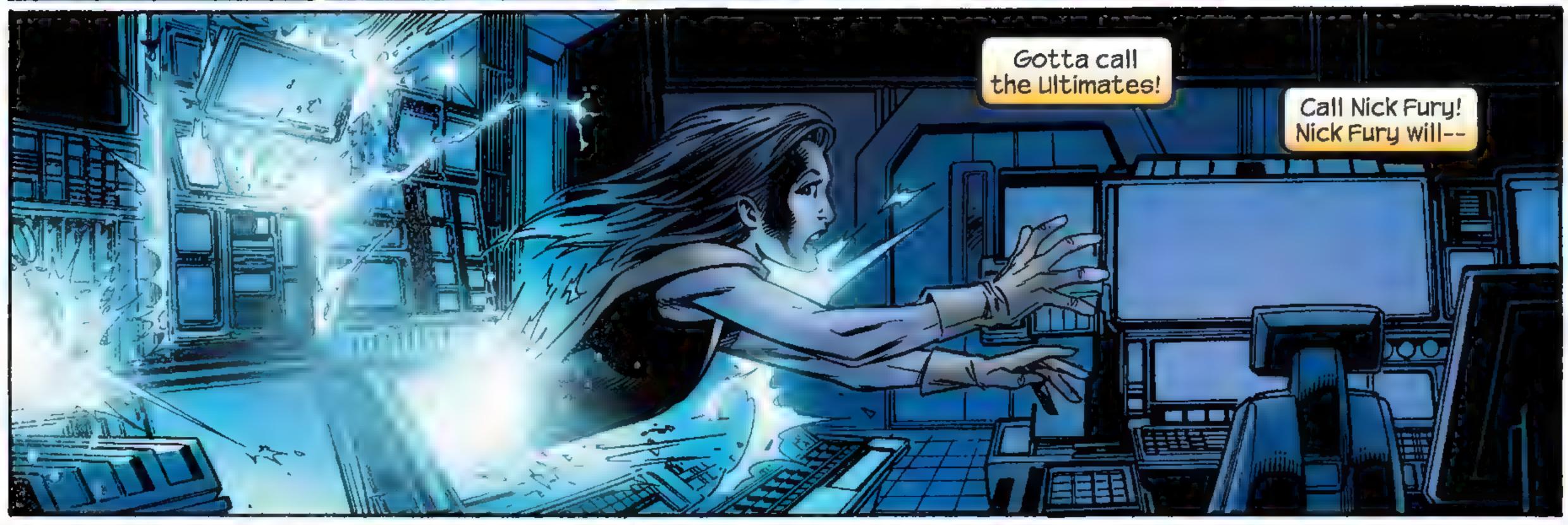






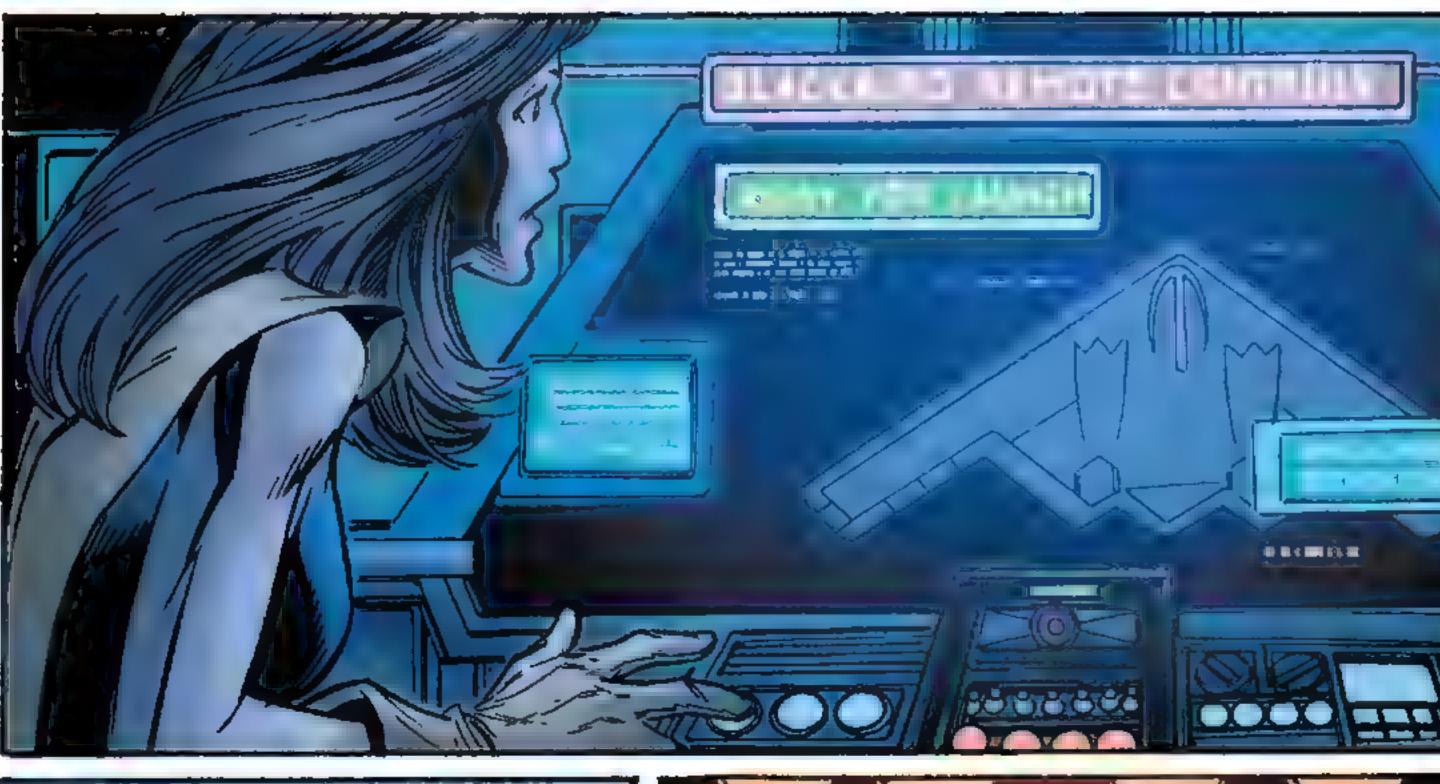


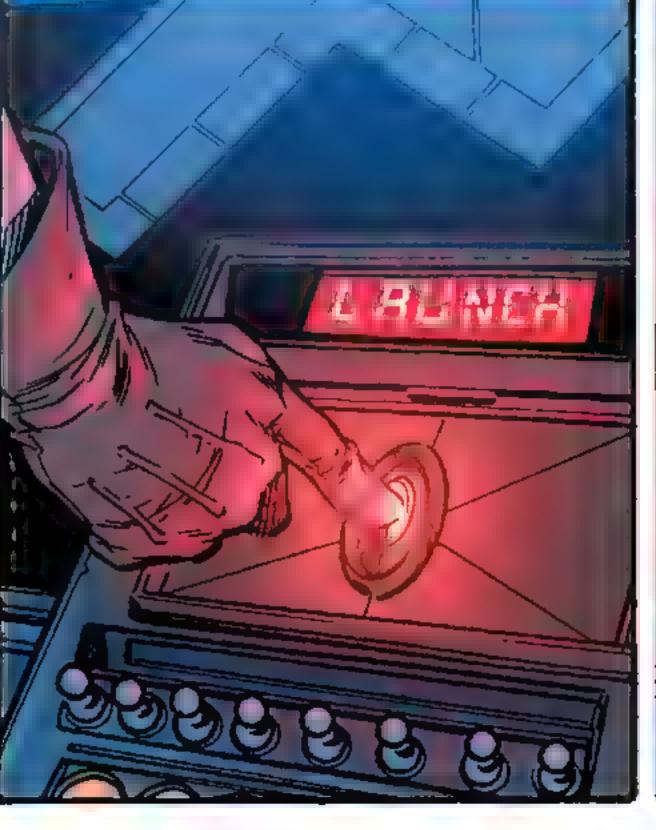


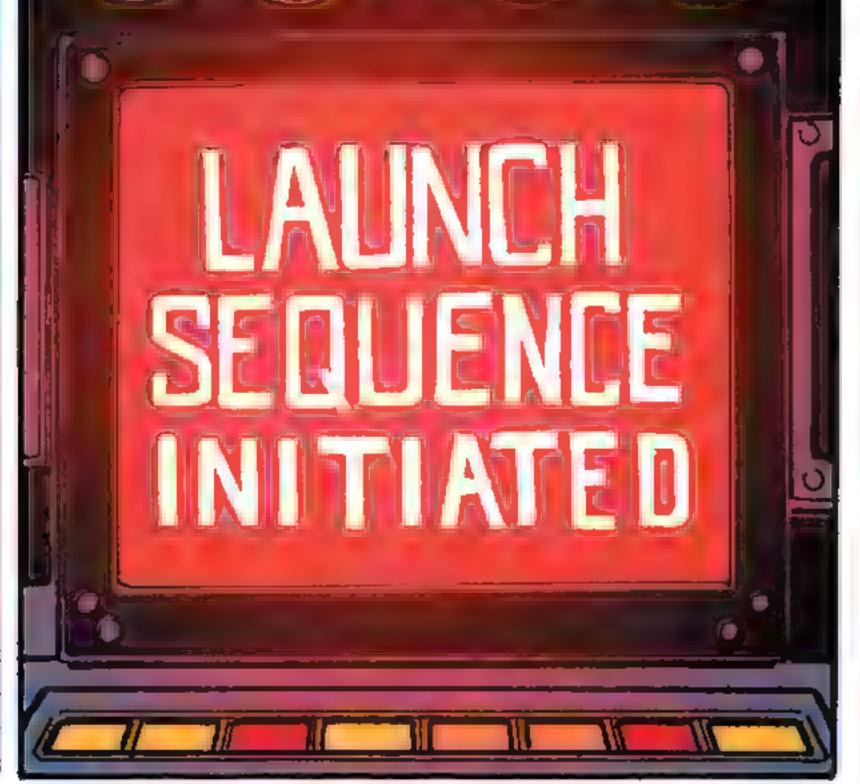


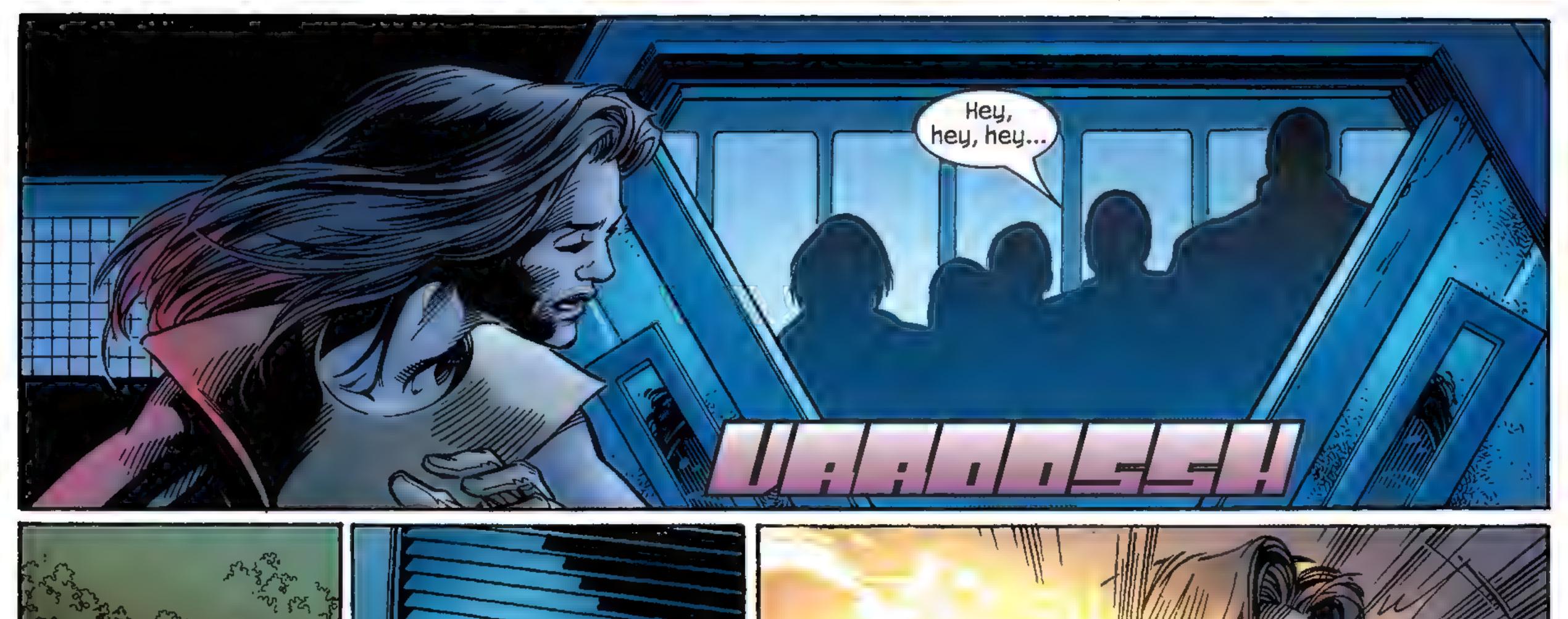








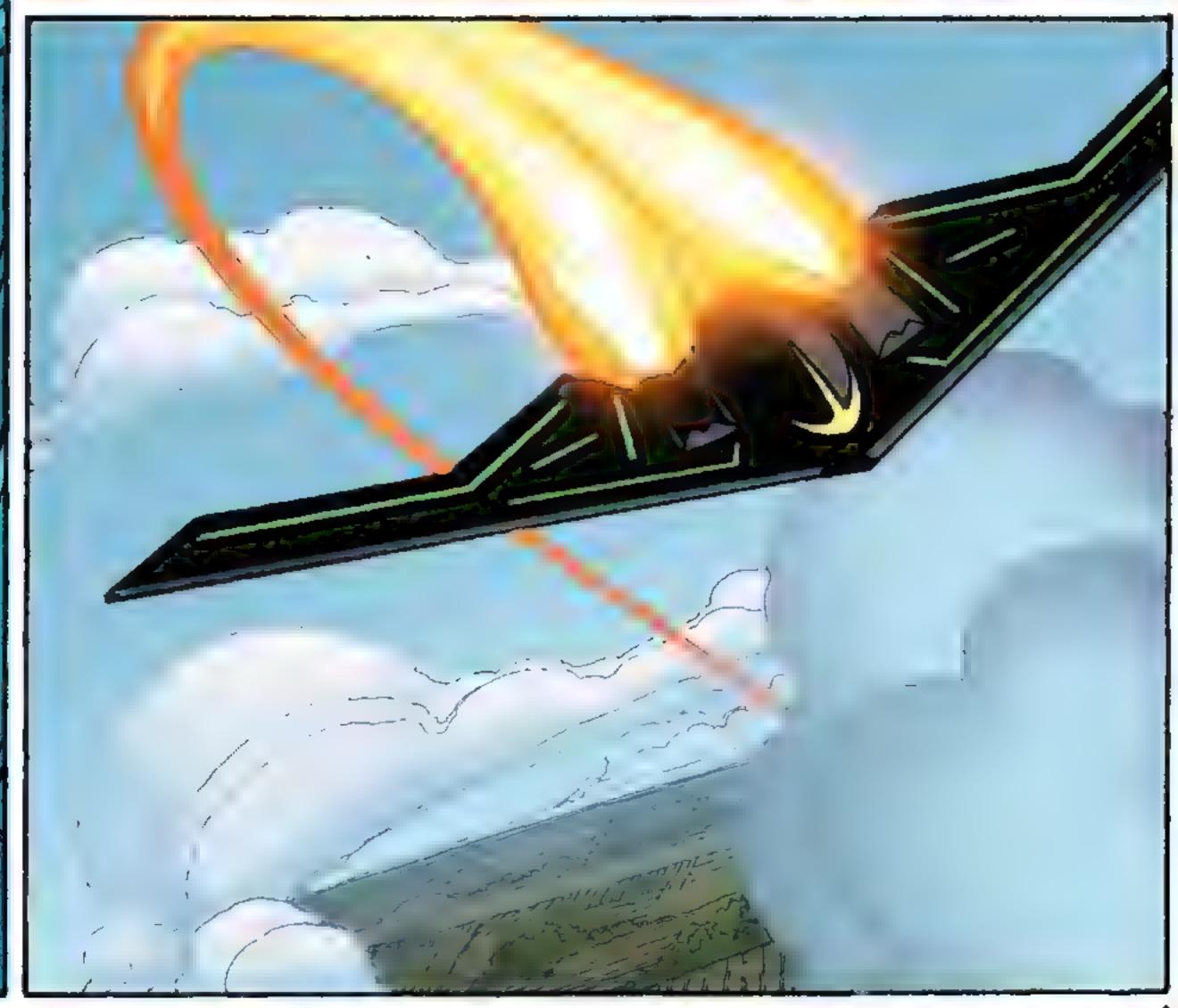


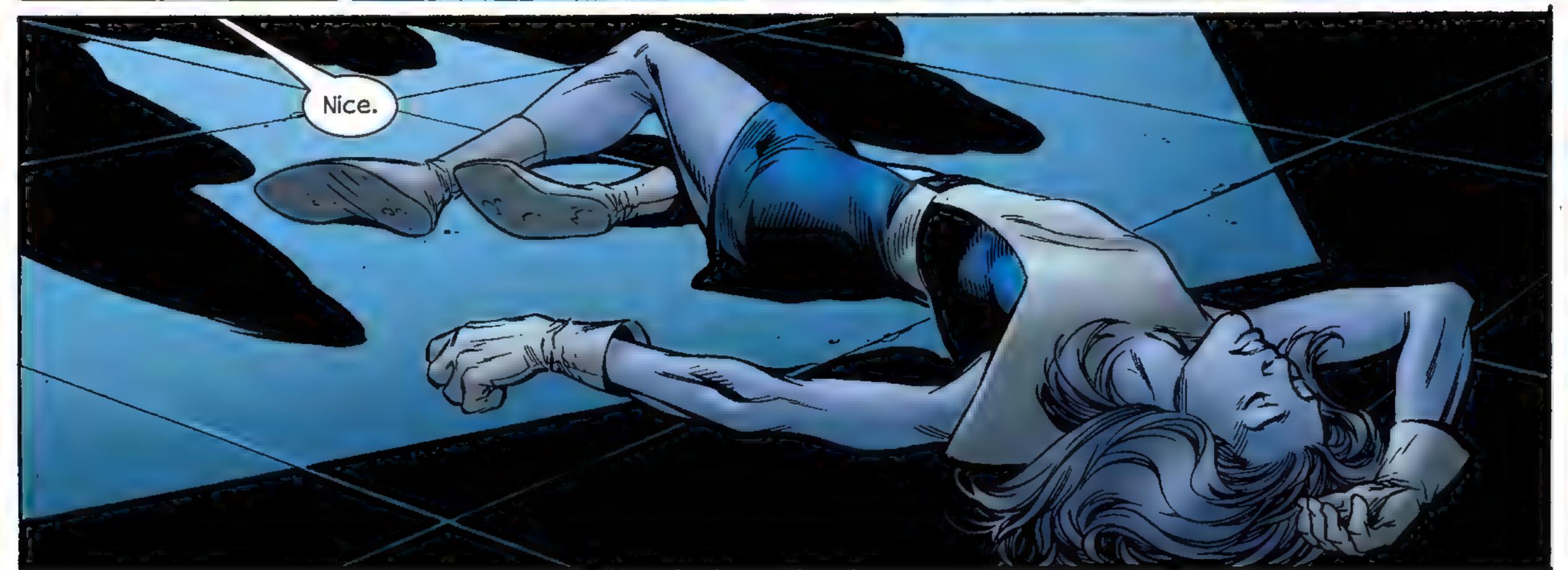














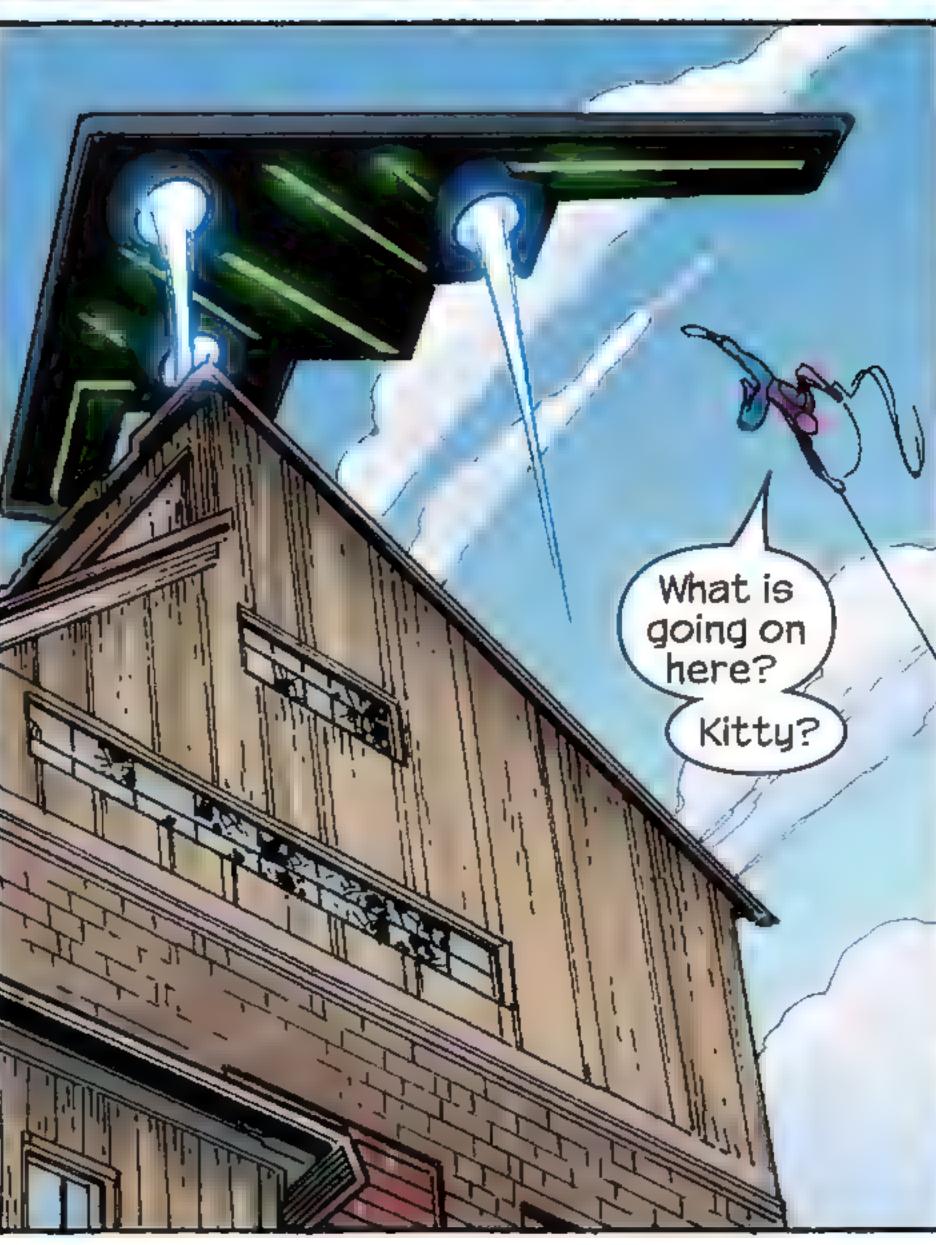






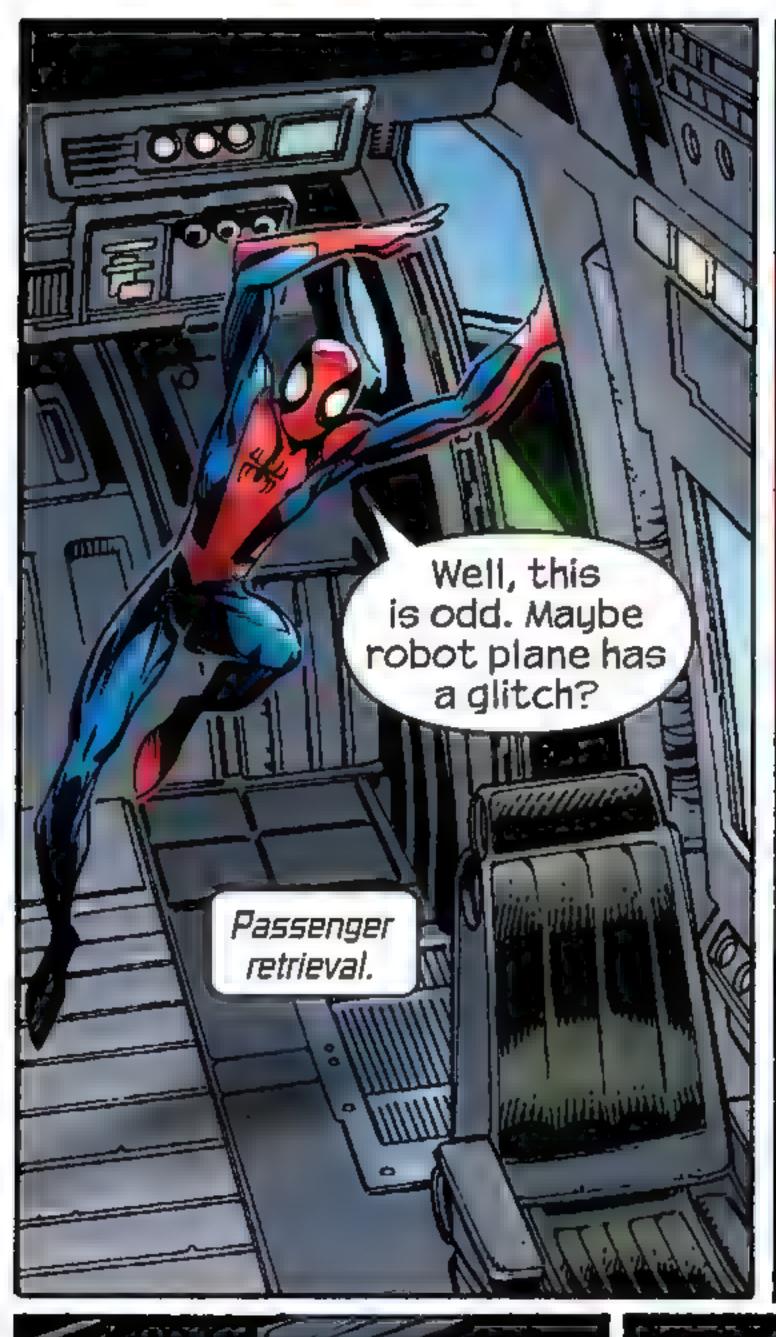






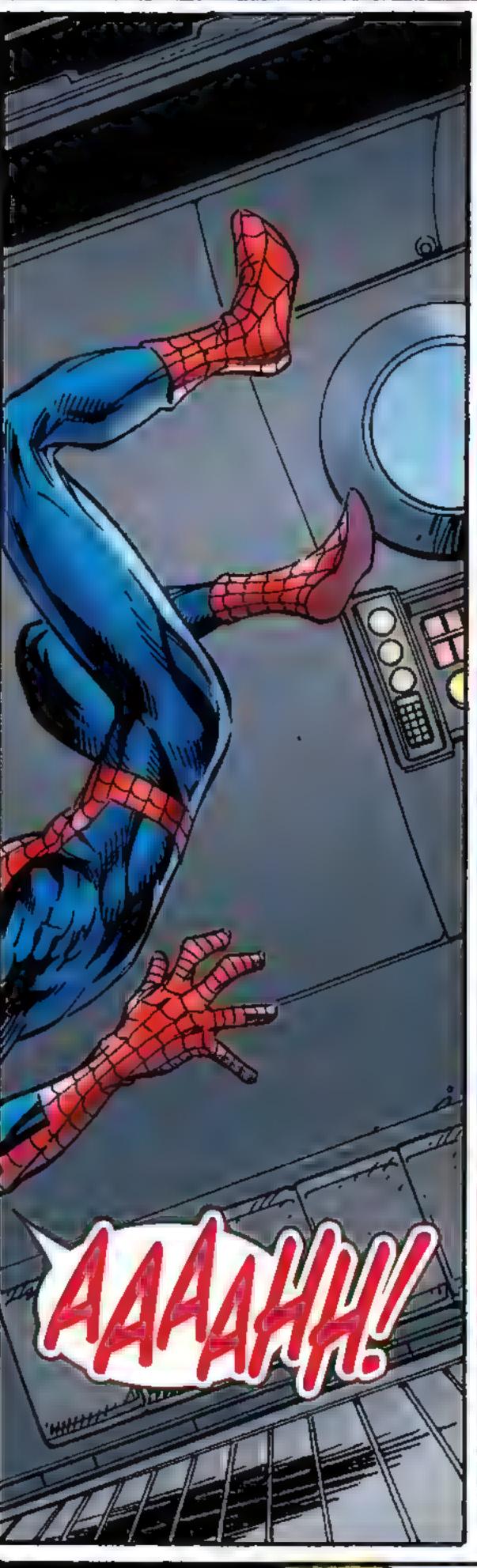




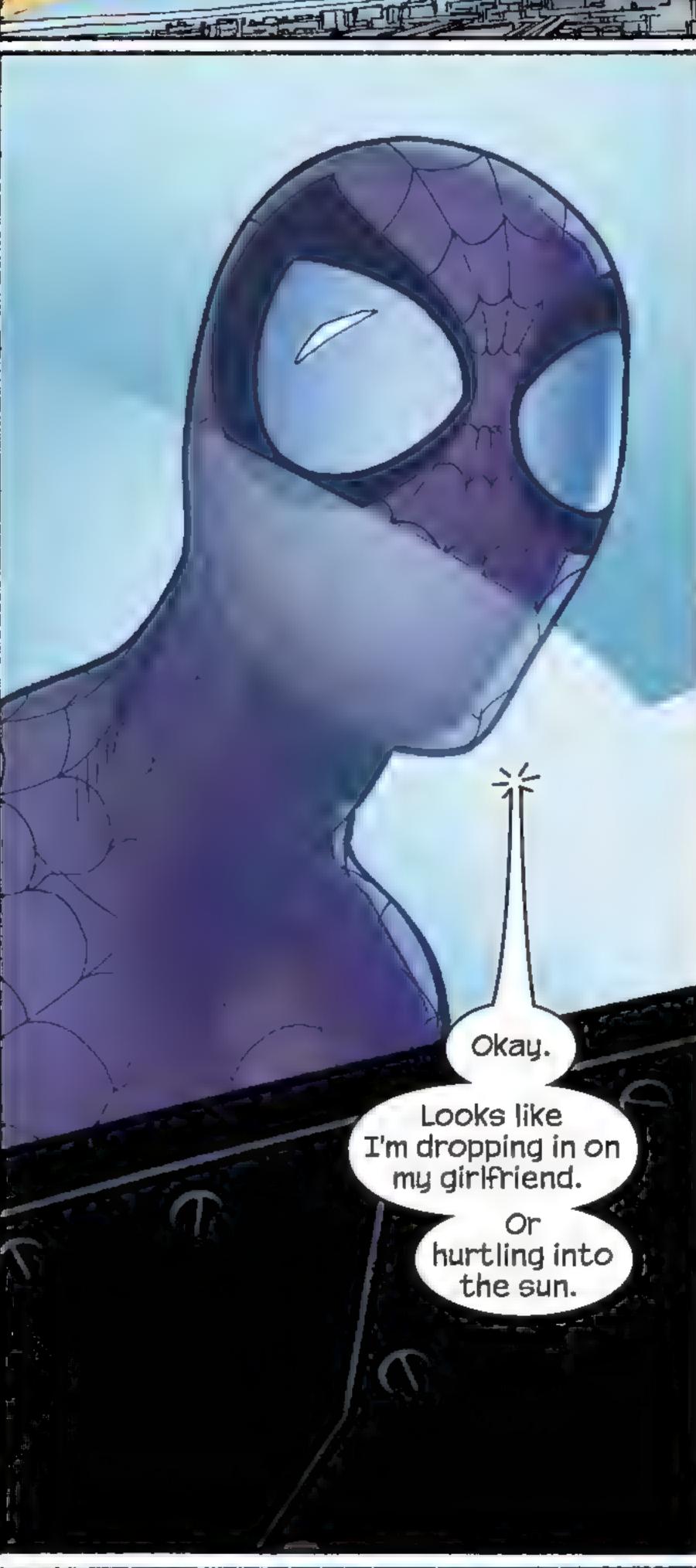




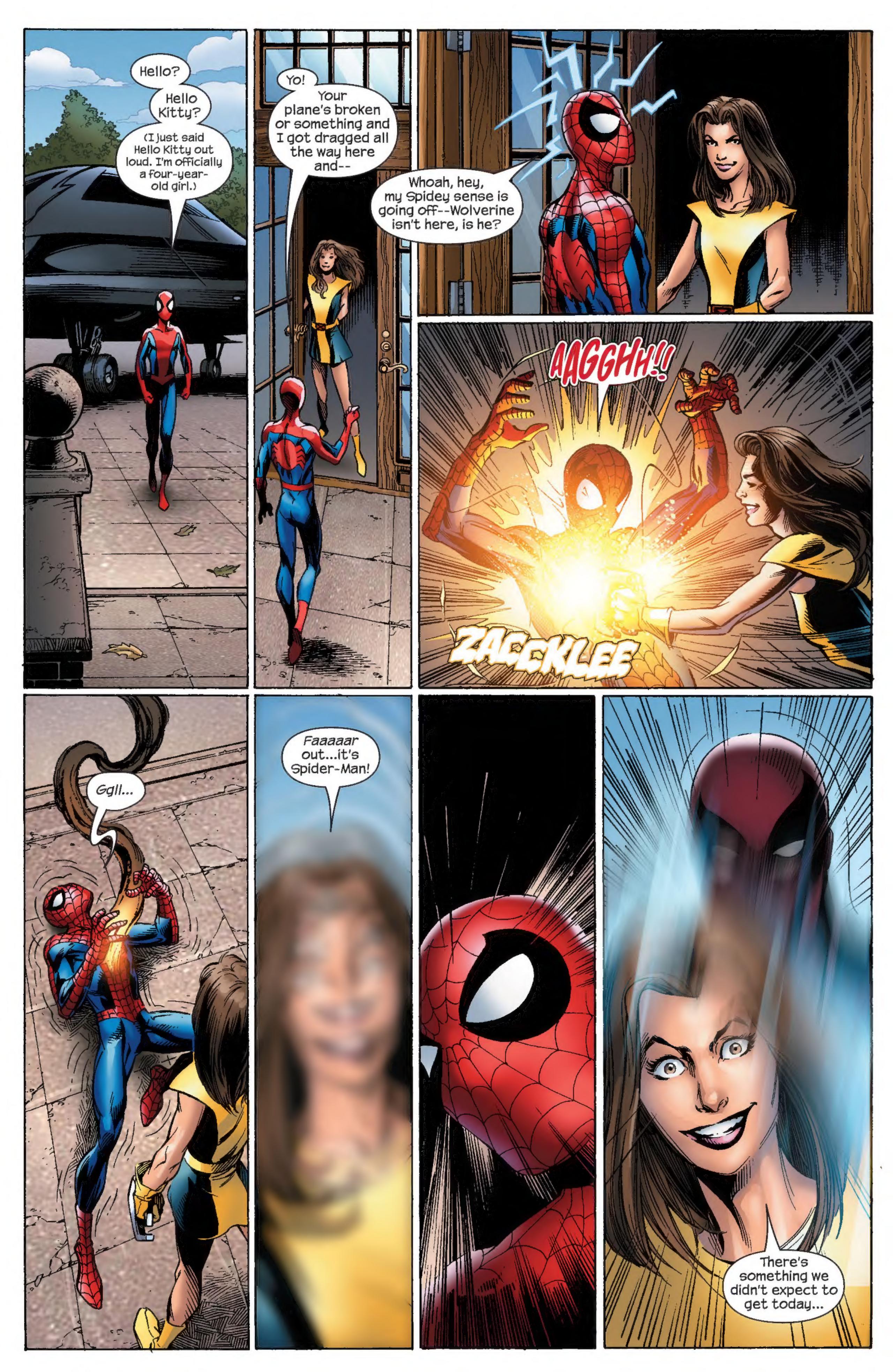














SPIDER-MAN

Dear Karate Kid,

It occurs to me (after reading the Ultimate Spider-Man Annual) that in the past MJ has always been there to sew up Peter's ragged costume whenever it got messed up. Now that Parker has a new girlfriend, and his relationship with MJ is somewhat on the fence, I can't help but wonder: who will sew up Spidey's costume now??? If Peter's suit were to get ripped now, would he have to go crawling back to MJ to fix it? Could Kitty fix it or would she maybe get Peter the hookup on the X-Men's mysterious uniform outlet store?

Maybe we could even have a design contest!!!

Nekolas Martin
South Boston, VA

Looks like Peter might have to learn himself some sewin'...it's about time, too. And "Karate Kid"? Ralph's never heard that one before...

Dear *Ultimate Spidey* Team,

I just love *Ultimate Spider-Man*. I have been a long time fan of Spider-Man for the past 25 years and this is the first time I've written to Marvel since I was a kid. Yes, I'm in my early thirties and I still read comics! It might not be a big thing over there in the U.S., but it is in the Middle East. I am from Egypt but I have lived most of my life in the Gulf (Dubai to be exact).

People here think that Comics are for 10 year old kids, however I have been able to convert several of these folks into true believers thanks to *Ultimate Spider-Man*'s awesome writing and art. Even my wife is hooked on *Spidey* now.

I hope you can answer a few questions for me, please:

1. We just finished watching the first season of the 3D *Spider-Man* animated series on DVD. It was amazing, especially since Mr. Bendis was involved, and we are thirsty for more. When can we expect to see season 2?

2. My wife wants to get me the *USM* video game, and I have noticed that Venom has the white-spider logo on him—which he did not have in the *USM* books. Does this mean that the game's storyline arc is different than the book?

3. Are there any chances for dead characters being brought back to life, or are they dead for good in the Ultimate Universe?

Until I convert everyone over here into Spidey Fans, Make Mine Marvel!

Onsy "Scorpy" Al Hagrassy Dubai, U.A.E.

Thanks for writing, Scorpy! Useless answers, in order:

- 1. We're not really privy to all the wheelings-anddealings in Hollywood, but we'd sure love to see more of Spidey's animated adventures, too!
- 2. Hmm...I wonder what Venom will look like if he were to reappear in the comics, eh? You get what I'm saying here? If he were to reappear sometime...?
- 3. Well, anything is possible in comics...isn't it?

Dear Ultimate Spider-Man team,

You guys have done an excellent job with the USM series. I especially want to commend you on the great job you all did with Ultimate Spider-Man # 89. I believe that was the best comic that I've ever read (and I've read quite a few comics in my day). The artwork was great, the writing and the story were fantastic. Great job, guys! Keep up the good work!

Sincerely, Philip Tallman

Succinct and to-the-point, Philip! You've done an excellent job with your letter-writing!

Dear *Ultimate Spider-Man* team,

Never since the Romita Sr. days of Amazing Spider-Man have I anticipated the next issue of any Spidey mag—except this one. Long may the quality of art and writing continue to astound me.

Stuart West United Kingdom

Even more succinct! And we'll do our best, Stuart!

Dear USM team,

How long before a story arc is thought up before it is actually made into the comics? If an arc overlaps into another series, how long before the effects are accounted for in the other series?

Xalibar

The gestation time for a story arc can be years or months—sometimes even weeks! For USM, Mark always keeps a couple issues ahead and Brian's got scripts finished through the next story arc (with detailed plans even further). Some story ideas have been floating around since issue one, and other ideas are spur-of-the-moment.

It's always tricky to keep the world coherent between different series without ruining every comic's regular stories. We do our best, but sometimes things can get confusing.

I think the most obvious example would be the current arc in *Ultimates 2*—clearly this story has massive ramifications, and we don't plan to ignore that...but we also don't want to compromise the stories in the other Ultimate books by forcing them to take place while America is under siege...and we don't want to have those series take place after *Ultimates 2*, thereby showing how it ends...so, for the time being, *Ultimates 2* is taking place slightly in the future. We'll catch up, and everything will even out eventually. It's like that with every arc of every series, and we make strenuous efforts to keep everything logical...

Maybe it would be worth printing a timeline of recent Ultimate history? What do you guys (and girls) think?

Ultimate Spider-Man Letter Page,

I've been reading the "Silver Sable" arc and so far it's been pretty good, but what really kept me reading was that I heard about an appearance by the Ultimate Vulture—and I have to say when I got to the last page of USM #89, I was happy. The Ultimate version of Vulture is really cool looking, like the original, but a little more high-tech.

I've been reading *USM* for a while, and most of the stories have been good, but I really like the stories when some classic villains get Ultimized. Keep up the Ultimate work!

Alec Berry

We'll do our best!

Dear Marvel,

I never fail to be totally fascinated at how talented you people are! USM #89 was another great read! I really like Silver Sable and hope to see her again in this book soon. I also think that she could hold a series of her own! I would definitely subscribe to it.

I also hope to see more of Mary Jane soon; I really felt her pain in this current story. Marvel has the best writers and artists of any comics company out there! Looking forward to many more years of being stunned at this masterpiece of a series!

Mark H.

Thanks a lot, Mark! I hope you've been following the Marvel Universe Silver Sable in her 4-issue limited series, Sable & Fortune, where she's teamed with fast-talking private eye Dominic Fortune!

Dear Marvel,

This is the first letter I have ever sent, and I just read #89 of USM, and I have to say, it rocked! I have been an Ultimate Marvel fan since 2004 (yes, I know, I got a seriously late start) but I have since then made up for lost time. And I do say, the Ultimate line is awesome.

Mr. Bendis, you're a damn good writer, keep up the good work! And I loved the cover to issue #89. About time Ultimate Vulture came into the picture! Can't wait to read the future issues.

Jacob Silvers Warren, OH

We're glad you joined us, Jacob!



Who is—what is—Deadpool!?!
And what does he plan to do
with Spidey and Kitty? Here's a
hint: "Kill them." Be here next
issue, when Peter wakes up in...
Krakoa!? That's "Deadpool," part 2!

CAROLINE McGRAW

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